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198	"	Application for Scholarship —	—	acknd
196	"	asks increased grant to Ghuja. & N.H.	X	
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140	Sept 13	Jubilee Fund & Returns —	—	acknd

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710	Sept 20	1848	Pleas duplic - Loss Lyon $150 -	X	
693	" 13	"	Deeds & Land Rec'd -	yes	
692	" 13	"	Brothers & Shelton -	—	
689	" 11	"	Elkl. Cent Institute - Tender $3500 -	X	
658	Aug 25	"	asks $2500 Elkh. &c -		Agent sent
640	" 16	"	Disappointed delay Elkl -		Agent sent
616	" 3	"	Abst Donahue - Journal ord - Writ issued - Support mon boys - repairs mindish Station -	X	
609	July 30	"	Quality Clym $3.22 bal. publ. Trans. ack -		Ackn.
598	July 19	"	Abst land - Elkh -		—
553	" 11	"	asks $208.56 from $400 in Lit.		settled
581	" 10	"	Allocation & Specif. - Dist Select Council -		answ.
550	May 15	"	Encl. Bldg. Relat - for Tax Parcels -		Ackn.
549	" 15	"	Quality Statistics Indiana for approval -		approved returned
534	" 2	"	Talk & publ. Elkh - ask Trans. &c -		answ.
531	" 8	"	Ackn. part of $12000 Elk - encl. Deed plan -		ack.
408	Feb 29	"	Ackn. 38.55 for Warrants		—
372	" 4	"	List of letters rec'd & Warrant		Agent sent
353	Jan 23	"	asks assistance for Wapsie		cancel
308	Dec 27	1847	Thanks for situation Wm D. Osborne -		—
235	Nov 19	"	Bridges in vic for. and Engl. -	X	
220	Nov 11	"	(W.W.) Quality D. Osborn's Estimate -		ans.
219	Nov 1	"	(W.W.) Sketch & estimate for bridge Skagway -		X
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June 25th 188[illegible]

The Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs -

Sir -

I am at present in Communication
with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for the N. W. T. &
D. L. Stewart Esq of Banff - in regard to the establishment
of Boarding Schools for Indian Children & Red Place
also - with Jas. H. Rowell Esq of Elkhorn
Manitoba, in regard to the establishment of an Industrial
School at
In order to avoid any possible confusion in the matter
I would like to be put direct by the Department
with
The Department is aware I sent a Communication
dated Nov 25th 1880 - proposing to lease the Rhyolite
to a capacity of 100 tons - also to erect four
Coke Ovens - two in the North West & two in Ontario -
Circumstances, however circumstances have led me to
abandon my original scheme -
I would like to United States & there, to take possession
of land in that Country, & desire from the

[illegible] Vere to Minister expressed that Indian
[illegible] would be as far as possible removed from
[illegible] reserves — I so far modified my original
[illegible] — as to write again to the Department under date
June 27th 1887 — suggesting that about $25.000 should
be expended in establishing a large central Institution
at Sault Ste Marie — with accommodation for 300 pupils.

This letter was followed by a postscript dated
March 15th 1887 — in which I said that I still thought
establishing two Branch, or Receiving, Homes — one
in the neighborhood of Elkhorn, Man., and one in the
neighborhood of Sarnia, Ont.

Regard to the extension of our work here at Sault
Marie, I am still waiting to hear what action
the Department is prepared to take in regard to it.

Regard to the proposed Receiving Home in neighborhood
of Sarnia, the Indians have an ancestor for it, the
Indians as far as I can learn are in favor of it,
it is yet to come.

Regard to a Receiving Home in neighborhood of Elkhorn
[illegible] — I have as

[illegible] over £2000 in land for building. I have drawn out plans for a small Institution with accommodation for 15 pupils. Have received a tender to erect it for £1300. And there is every probability that we will begin to build at once. I think it better to begin the work thus at once on a small scale, & if it succeeds, we shall hope by & by to enlarge - & I hope to form a Farm School in connection with it some where in the neighbourhood.

I have already applied to the Department for assistance towards this Branch Home, & am awaiting reply.

The Branch Home at Banff is a new scheme the result of a visit which I paid to that place last summer.

I do not undertake to erect a Home at Banff on my own responsibility - but if the Department will undertake the expense of building & maintenance I am prepared to move thither with my family - & will undertake the general superintendence - at any rate temporarily.

My principal object in coming to take this step - is that I may at present employed collect information concerning our Indian Tribes for the British Association, & I believe Banff would be the most central & convenient [illegible]

— found for such a work — & Kindly also let
— Messrs A Scott & Brown's bring home good work
done & the pupils at Spark — Dufferin — & the man
could readily be found to conduct the work there —
The sum would be better employed in keeping up
as proposed.

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of all is carried out as I propose, there will
a Branch House at Banff under my own care,
with Rev. A. Gilchrist, a Branch House at
Canmore, & a large central Institution at Sault Ste
Marie, to which the best of the pupils should be
drafted — not only from Banff Gilchrist & Canmore,
but also from Long Lake, Battleford, Broadview &
all these Protestant Evangelistic work & other in
missions.

I am about to proceed with further united action
the Protestant Institutions — I am preparing
publish an illustrated Monthly Magazine to be
called "The Indian Canadian" — & contain information
all that is being done for the various Institutions &
I have the honor to be
Rev. Dear Sir
Yours truly
Edward F. Wilson

3 boys will come from Robertson's here for 10th June on to Winnipeg & will be under the charge of one of the boys attending.

Lieut.-Col. Macdonald
June 25/87

Dear Mr. Rosswell

Your letter covering $33 & the enclosures just received.

I am writing by this mail for ½ fare for the boys on the train. The fare is Steamboat 2.50 train 10 provincial 1.50 = $14 each way if ½ price. The cost therefore will be to Thunder & Shayamani each $14 & to Ben for return $28.

I hope you will endeavour [illegible] to go back before his ticket runs out — Augt 10th & thereby save $. The boy was getting on well & it will be a pity for him not to return.

If Broadley, builds the Institution I hope he will employ Shayamani — he is a good Carpenter — & ought to earn $2 a day.

I am writing Judge & the Ind. Dept. & Mr. Mair — Hankey is not correct in saying I had abandoned the idea of Inland Homes — as he will see by writing in March 4. I shall be glad to hear the Bishop counts & founder's aid [illegible]

Yours truly
J. Wilson

Robert Ross Esq.
Dear Sir

I shall be much obliged if you will instruct your agent at Port Arthur to issue ½ fare tickets to three of my Indians who are returning to their Homes at Selkirk —

Israel Beaver aged 17 single ticket
John Thunder " 22 "

Also a return ticket to
Joseph Bear aged 17

The boys will leave here July 1st.

Yours faithfully
J. Wilson

Lieut.-Col. Macdonald, Ont.
June 25/87

Fort Wayne
June 25/67

Rev. W. H. Harvey
Sir

In reply to yours of the 23d inst. I would be obliged by your sending me 100 of the Home & Chapel & a few of the prayer C. D. V. size for $6.

Yours truly
S. L. Wilson

Fort Wayne
June 30/67

Rev. W. R. Clarke
Dear Sir

It is our rule not to appoint a boy or girl to any post of a Sunday School unless at least $25 in advance is presented. Which pays for the book for a year. I have much pleasure in naming Jake Negaunaumah - a clean Ottawa fellow 7 years old from the Manitoulin Island. If you will remit the amount required we will place you on our Sunday School list - you will receive the regular report for the 3d. I cannot undertake to write a long letter as I am pinched up for time.

Yours truly
S. L. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
June 30 1837

I have very much pained & grieved that during
my absence in the North West both Thunder & Shagawa
have been for a day or two ill - I drew a conclusion from
Thunder's illness & as I learned not to neglect
any ill he told me will say no more - I trust
that ere you have had as much & so little time
to read as paid in pain for Thunder - that you
for it Pains that by this leave no cause to Mourn -
I despair that this is the time when by the will of
Heaven -

I think also by ought not to be accepted
by the Institution without a warning being sent.

I have received on the 28th from you another
Letter - all this I think I have already answered fully -
In my letter of the 25th June I said - thank you -
I have - "I have a little sum of 2000 in hand for building
- have drawn no plans for a Mill but for the present
have received in part & sent it for £1350 - any further
I shall keep in building at once - If it answers well
& by & by & enlarge & purchase a farm in Connection
- - - have already applied to the Department for
[illegible] towards this Branch Home, & am awaiting reply -"

Yours ever -
T. H. Williams

"

Linden Grove

June 3rd 1867

C. B. Atkinson Esq.

Dear Sir -

Will you please tell Elijah Long that I have received from him $3 to pay the costumes of his sister & Hester. The cost will be $4.75 for Joseph & $2.50 for Eliza (who is not coming back) Hester will have $1.75 over, which I will give Eliza. I have had a good deal of trouble (especially with Eliza) since I was away, but to please with Letter the boys ask; Hester & most Hester - Eliza one of them & with Hester Letter. But Joseph Long is one of the best boys I have in the Institute - I believe him to be a sturdy little Christian character & he is trying to resist the bad - May God keep him.

I have to acknowledge also your two Letters of June 1st, one of them containing P.O.O for $16.75 - amount for passage $7.75 & passage for Hester girl $9 - Hester's passage was $9 ago - Not two as Commissioner's Office in Washington city is just 8 - I shall send the pupils in uniform as I did last summer - & I write to Hester's Aunt that I do this because I think

... o'clock. I am also [illegible] to send a reliable
... Manitoba
... named Mary Mapsel in charge of the ... John is aged
... 19 + is a good upright Christian boy. He will
... you on arrival + report - + also hand you the
return tickets. When the pupils come back, I think
... 2nd
... Farm, Island
... David Mainonien, in the same way, + take charge.
John will tell you + Mr. Jacobs about our "Onward
... Club". I wd like if we could establish a
... of our Club in each Indian Reserve. It is a
... of [illegible] Christian assoc[n]. I think the Indian
... [illegible] of this sort tendency more than [illegible] will
... stand by + resist the temptation of evil.
... our Brandon Home is overcrowded + Bella
... has a nasty skin disease - + no apparent signs
... I would keep ... home altogether. New
... girls come. We might take 2 or 3 more
... but have no room for any girls.
... Mary Knapp will act for Home till summer.
I am quite satisfied with your arrangements
... payments.

Yrs faithfully
S. L. Wilson

The Children's underclothing should be put up in their own
... for their return in - they can wear them on Sundays
... with - but the parents did provide clothing for their
... [illegible] home for both ...

Sault Ste Marie
June 3 1847

Dear Jackson

If you are really sorry for what you have done & anxious to serve God I will try to help you - but I have been so often deceived by Indian boys who speak as though they were Christians & yet all the time are following bad things. I was very sorry to hear of your being put in Jail at Detroit - I hear also that you drink Whiskey. I could not write you back here to the Shingwauks because I received letters in your name from Mr. English & Mr. Jackson. You can ask them to write to me - It grieves my heart when my Indian boys turn out badly -

I remain
your friend
E. F. Wilson

Shingwauk Home
June 10th 1847

Dear Sir

Many thanks for your letter just received - After your statement I shall certainly not accuse Arthur Mis[illegible]on - I wish also that I had known about the dollar pills before they came here - I had no idea that either of them had been at Munro's store or I should not have taken them - I paid the same cash that the children have been at another store in Town & am sorry that we have not the children here at present to [illegible] I would wish to warn your guests Alex Henderson of Sarnia & Wm Anderson of Sarnia Township against coming here for any bad conduct - Also 2 boys Thomas White & Robert Altoman might possibly apply to you for admission - if they come please refuse them

Yours very faithfully
E. F. Wilson

Shingwauk Ho.
Sault Ste Marie
July 4th 1887

Mr. Thomas L. Thorn
My dear friend
I desire to thank
you very much for the kindly remembrance
of my work here in Canada - caused by
$5 from your "Lend a hand club". We
have started an "Onward & Upward Club"
here, & it seems likely to do well. It
has 3 grades, the first grade any one
may enter on payment of 10 cts, & he
receives a card to keep & is bidden
read every night. The 2d grade can
only be entered after a month's trial in
the 1st grade, and the 3d grade can only
be entered at the end of one year. I
am trying to make my Indian boys men
& Christians - I tell them that all the
Come up to me - & I will beat you.
Out of those 18 boys - 17 of them came
up of their own accord & had a hard
beating. Now boys! What do
you think of that:- Now boys can
only receive punishment because they
knew they deserved it & wanted to
fight the devil. I thought it was
very brave of them to do it. & I trust
Almighty God will draw all their
hearts to himself.
Do not mention that I have told
you if you write to any of my boys -
it might do harm to them to know
that they were of their own. but
I left it to you in the hope it may do
good to you - & make you determine
also to fight against sin.
Yr. sincere friend
Please remember me very kindly to your mind
S. H. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
July 7th 1887.

The Manager
Bank of Montreal, Toronto
Sir

Enclosed you
Bill of Exchange for £50 Nine
pleas credit to Julian Hawkes Esq.
I enclose also D/R 66507
for $600 - which please
put to my Account
Esq - Toronto with account sent

Yours truly
T. H. Wilson

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Copied ... His heads down Col Pay
... heads to west - but man is made
to walk up in God's image - the
Devil always holds himself straight
up - means do right - that would make
them keep his head down -

I must tell you one thing about my
boys - While I was away travelling
a month ago 18 of them got into a
bad scrape - I induced them all
one after another to confess to me all
the Bad thing they had done wrong - and
we prayed & asked God to forgive
them - Then I said to them - Every one
of you boys deserves a good thrashing,
but I will not thrash you - because
you have each of you confessed to me
& told me that you did - but - if
any of you feel that you ought to be
punished, I wish me to punish you

Sault Ste Marie
Aug 7th 1889

The Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs

Sir

I have to acknowledge yr letter of the 27th ult. No 74198, reply to mine of the 14th and 15th ult. informing me that the Department has been unable to make a recommendation for further assistance from the funds of the Mnjikaning Home or towards the establishment of Branch Institutions in connection therewith.

I beg to remind the Department that on Sept 13th 1886. I received a verbal promise from the Head of the Department "that I might depend on an increased grant towards the maintenance of my present Institution. & that it would be provided in Parliament to give me a block grant towards the proposed extension of our work here & the erection of Branch Homes."

I did not consider this an official communication, but I (wrongly as it appears now)

built my hopes on it, and have involved myself in expenses which, if I had not received such promise I should have avoided.

I must beg a little explanation as to reason for not entertaining my application for increased appropriation for my work. My letter of Jan. 27 proposed no radical change in my plans. My plans were only so far modified after my visit to the States - that I asked for a small Compensation Grant I had done before towards the enlargement of the Central Institution at Sault Ste Marie, and (taking my postscript letter of March 4th in connection with my letter of Jan. 27th) I proposed two Receiving Houses, one at Selkirk in Manitoba & one near Sarnia, in lieu of the two four Brandt Houses which I had originally proposed.

I imagine that if the Department at all appreciated my work or wished to encourage me in the prosecution of it, it would not have been the order for Steam Tug taken after my first visit of Sept 186 & acted upon it - that if it considered my 2d proposition of Jan 27th

would involve too great expenditure. After
our letter of June 27 (to which this is a reply)
I can only infer that for some unexplained
reason, my work is not appreciated by the Depart-
ment and is not in the future to expect any increased
assistance.

Under these circumstances I am compelled
very respectfully to at once reduce both my clerical
& visiting staff & the number of my pupils.

I have given notice to my assistant Superintendent
Mr. Mitchell & Messrs Watt & Co I am sorry unable
to pay the salary. & shall reduce the number of
pupils to about 400 boys & 20 girls.

I have the honor to be
Your obedient servant.

Edward L. Wiles

Sault Ste Marie, Ont.
July 8th 1887

Rev. Supt. Dyer
Dear Sir

I am today drawing on you for the usual amount of £20 - We have just had our Examining & our pupils are dismissed for the holidays - 53 boys & 27 girls.

When by returns about the 1st of September I am sorry to say I am forced to reduce our numbers - owing to the low State of our funds - I have been depending all this time on a verbally promised Government grant - but heard a day or two ago from the Department that no additional grant could be made this year to our Institution - the fact that the Roman Catholics are getting thousands of dollars for their work among the Indians in the N. West & elsewhere - looks as tho' our pleas as many people understand, were pleas with their hands - For the present I am forced to retrench - & have also to dispense with the services of my Asst. Supt. Mr. Mitchell - but these things are in God's hands - & I doubt not my way will open for me to do as he has done in the past -

Yr. very Sincerely
T. L. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
July 8th 1887

Dear Mr Irwin

I have just received your
letter of June 18th - I am wait
ing to hear from the Min Rupert
Land is read to come prepared
for settlers a Branch House &
Depot & placing you in charge -
We have as yet Kept no money
$1:00 for building - one have
offered a per cent of land -
the Board agrees - I shall try &
get it Home Started at once -
per we are not dependent
help from Government. The R.C.
[illegible] it all Rein[illegible]

We have at present -
Will not engage until [illegible]
work - until the Board [illegible]
decision about it When
this we might start it
with a few aid - if it
for success we will be
pleased to

I would like to have not
in party - but the 18th be
I fear we shall not

For 3 boys fitted Sheep
are all quite well

Yours sincerely
J. D. Wil

Chiefswork
Oct 6/87

Dear Mrs Bliss -

The Indian parents are
scared lower bein any trisome in
not all of them send full fare for
their children return tickets - I
have full fare for the 2 Hanna girls,
Mary Peters, Eliza Long, & Alice
Thompson - & only ½ the amt required
for Nancy & Jessie Jacobs - & for
Dora & Lizzie Jacobs -

Will you please ask the others
girls if they would like to go as
follows on the Order it - Nancy & Jane
Hanna - Mary Peters - Eliza Long - Alice
Thompson - Nancy Jacobs - & Dora Jacobs
Nancy Jessie & Lizzie talked to ex-
[illegible] Mrs Hanna [illegible]

Money is received. If they
do not consent to this arrangement
they must all wait till next week -
or until the money arrives for all.

I do not know weather Lizzie Jacobs
visited Dora - or Jessie visited
Nancy - In that case please alter
the name which I have pencilled on
ticket -

On no account let Dora & Lizzie
both go on Nancy & Jessie as only
One is paid for -

Yours truly
S. L. Wilson

I am sending the tickets for Nancy
Peters Hanna & Thompson [illegible]
to Cobb and have [illegible] -

Sault Ste Marie
July 8/87

Alex. McKelvey Esqr
Dear Sir

Yr. Letter just received.
I am sending by this boat
2 Mn & Macgregor in charge of paupers
Girls — Nancy Warren
Jane Warren
Eliza Sones.
Fanny Jacobs.
Boys — Jos. Sones.
Smart Atkinson
Wm Kennedy
W. Riley
Ch. Nandee
Amos Se.
John Solomon — 12 in all.
I enclose you $5 to refund to William Peters for Charlotte Macgregor — She is not to go home this summer.
As there are accounts with girls still to come & Nancy Henry is not yet paid in full — I am sending her back to take charge of the girls
Believe me Yours truly
Peters will take them on to Collingwood — A. Salter, Esqr William T. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
July 8/87

Mr. Jermyn
Dear Sir

The 2 children Caroline Mary J. & Edward Walker — Wesley Solomon have just arrived — I am sending home on this boat. James Wawbedick — do not wish to take him again as he has been several times troublesome and disobedient. No money has yet come for the two Macgregor girls. The latter must have full price $9 to pay for two return tickets if he wants them to go home. What about Walborne? I presume you have got agreements signed for them & children & will send them —

Yrs faithfully
S. J. Wilson

Ohio Women, Scarborough,
Hardy, Hardwick, Nancy Young,
Jacobs, Bella Reardon. 10 in
all. Shan I hold out and till I
receive money for all - or direction
from you to keep back certain of them
and not send them at all.
Of the above - I have £3 in hand on
J. Campbell's a/c. Andrew Jacobs sent
£15 for passage tickets for Mr his children
but I only send Nancy - as I must
adhere to my rule that no children
leave until return from is paid - except
Orkneys.
I fancy will hand you the return
tickets - they are dated Sept 2nd.
Please see that all the pupils return
sharp on time -

Yrs faithfully
R. H. Wilson

Sault Ste. Marie
June 5th 87

A. Inglis Esq.
Dear Sir

I am sending by this boat -
Miss A. Maycock in charge of party.
Girls - Mary Peters.
Alice Hampton
Dora Jacobs - (Moravian Town)
Boys - Willie Adams.
Three are still to come - Lizzie Rodd,
& Sophia Rodd.
I have £2.25 on Lizzie's a/c - not for
Sophia. The amt required as your
note is £4.50 each for return - But
I am not anxious for Sophia to return
as they can send £2.25 from here - & keep
her.
Fancy will hand you the return
tickets - they are dated Sept 2nd.
Please see that all the pupils return
sharp on time -

Yrs truly
R. H. Wilson

I enclose a Steamboat ticket for Jesse - If any one boy become [illegible] let me know -

Sault Ste Marie
July 15 1889

Dear Mr Roswell

I am sending off to-day 3 boys - Thunder Snazenaini & Ben - Ben had Horns about 4 oz Br. - & Thunder 2 oz Wax in order to go - Have given Ben a return ticket on the Steamboat - & shall be obliged if you purchase & forward ticket for him on the train Sept 2nd next to Port Arthur - for which I have kept back of his money $3.85. You have Jesse's ticket - I have told Thunder that if he must come back before Sept 15th or his ticket will be useless - But possibly you can get it extended as that he may return with Ben. All boys are still being sent home in substitute uniform - this is plain clothes.

I have advised Thunder - to settle down at home & get married - not to think of going to the school - if he did I shd think it right to write & tell of his conduct

I have advised Snazenaini to get work as a carpenter - We have given him a certificate - & also an order for part of the amount he earned & put in Savings Bank $20.25 -

Mr Irwin seems anxious to have charge of the Shingwauk Boys - but I wd like the Bishop's opinion as to whether he - or the right man for us - I fear the Indn Dept is not going to give us any help at present - All seems the going to the R.C.'s -

Yours sincerely
E. F. Wilson

Lauder Mains
July 9th 70

Rev. P. M. McGregor
Dear Sir

I have received Mr Andrew's £5 — on account to balance of £14 is owing will send you duplicate home. We have had so much trouble with Indians keeping back the children after holidays that we are obliged to keep strictly to the rules & can make no exception

Yours sincerely
S. & Wilson

Lauder Mains
July 11th 70

Rev. Mr. Macgregor
Dear Sir

I enclose Bill of Exch. for £22-2-0 which please credit to my Indian Mission a/c. I have advised also of £15 I have been paid in Edinburgh — Please acknowledge when you have both

Yours truly
S. & Wilson

Laurel Cottage
July 11/87

Dear Jack,

I sent down Master of Mast in charge of the Lavinia & Walpole children. I am sorry you did not send return tickets for the children - We cannot favour one more than another - two pupils are sent home but their Mothers parents pay in advance for return tickets - We have been forced to do so in order to insure their return at the right time - I am not at all sure but I can take Wesley & Abram back - am half off now about Hannah Grey - I have so many applications - Those children ought to come up first back - Now it would have been all - I have decided not to receive them back on account of behaviour & bad example to the - so I must pass him a ship - I am waiting for 2nd for Lester R. and him - also to pay for Sophia Rodd - Master Jack sends his love & kisses to you & Mother & Aunt Ellen

Yr affec
S. A. Wilson

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Yr affec
S. A. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
Jul 11/87

Dear Mr Cox -

I am many thanks for your very encouraging letter. It is my kind regard of you & the [illegible] Committee Collectorship - If you like to send me the cash in your hand I will keep it for the purpose intended - on the understanding that if the project is not carried out the Contributions will be refunded - I trust however that may be no need for this. I hope Mr Bowdrey may succeed in carrying the point at the Ind. Dept at Ottawa - It must depend a great deal on this - The Ind. Dept. must see that they were not [illegible] Reasonable Petitions & my Special grant during this session - that is for my Homes here or proposed Branch Homes - This was written during the Session Still Mr Bowdrey may be able to [illegible] them to do something in regard to Manitou - I have not yet had a line from Mr Stewart - The Bishop (designate) I fear is not satisfied by reason as - Will it suit -

Yrs Sincerely
S. J. Mills

Report of the Indian Work at Ste Marie
for year ending June 30 1887

The record from Sault Ste Marie Institution
during the year - 3 ... I believe I may truly and
without fear of contradiction say - I've been one of
the busy ones - Our numbers have
increased - our staff has been added to - Salaries
paid - Buildings added to & improved -
Land cleared & fenced almost wonderful - drained
fenced & cropped with a good state of cultivation -
and the whole place made so thoroughly presentable
that it has become quite a pleasure resort for parties
both from the Canadian Village and from the American
side -

We have also greatly extended our operations. The
engagement in the Spring of 1886 of an Assistant
Superintendent enabled me to give a portion of my
time to travelling among the Indians, & I made the best
use I could of it; - visiting nearly all the Indians of Sarnia
Walpole, Cole Creek, Manitoulin Island, Parry Island & Shawanaga

Ontario, [illegible] visits to [illegible] Homes,
[illegible], Assiniboia, and — this Spring — to the
western Slope of the Rocky Mountains. Dan Homes
have in this way become well known among the Indian
throughout Ontario and in many parts of the North-West
& to [illegible] that we have pupils of the Ojibway, Ottawa
[illegible], Delaware, Sioux, & Blackfoot tribes,
and they come from Sarnia, Walpole, Cape Croker, Moravian
[illegible], Christian Island, Parry Island, Manitoulin I., Serpent
[illegible], Garden River, Rat Portage, Lac Seul, Beulah,
and Blackfoot Crossing; the distance of their homes
varying from 10 to 1500 miles.

In order to take this step must be evident to
[illegible]. It was to prove whether or not Indian
parents would be willing to allow their children to go
great distances for their education, whether or not it was
better [illegible] for Indian Institutions to be built in the
immediate neighborhood of the Indian Reserves or at
a distance from them. My visit to the States has
[illegible] convinced me that it is not only possible but
[illegible] it is the best course to take. Indian children [illegible]
[illegible] from home influences for their education, and
[illegible] placed for [illegible] it is possible [illegible]

The same [illegible]

Blackfoot boys distance of 900 & 1500 miles from their homes.

In sending forward this Report with a general review of the work past & present I will now refer more in detail to our present position & work as compared with former years - so that the Department may judge whether or not the assertions made in the foregoing sentences are correct -

Our numbers. In 1884 we had 32 boys 22 girls - total 54
" 1885 - 43 " 21 " " 64
" 1886 - 47 " 23 " - 70
This year we have - 53 " 27 " - 80

Our Staff - 1884 - Schoolmaster - matron - Servants Carpenter -
1885 - add Supt - " " " " farmer -
1886 - " " " " " " -
1887 - " " " " " bootmaker

Salaries of schoolmaster & matron have been increased. At the Wawanosh - the Staff has continued the same - Lady Supt, gardener, matron, seamstress -

Our buildings - Every building we have erected has been strong, substantially & economically built - Persons have been surprised at the small cost our buildings, considering their appearance, have cost us - The latest additions have been the hospital (store), & a frame cottage for our farm man -

Our Land - After struggling for a long time with a succession of incompetent farm men We succeeded only in making our land an expense instead of a profit to us. I succeeded 18 months ago in engaging an excellent man who is bound to me for 3 years & at the end of that time will receive one third of the profits in addition to wages. Last year a large part of the farm was drained (the money being borrowed & this summer we have for the first time some 20 or more acres of 'tilling crops'.

Our present system with the pupils - Since my visit to the States last spring I have introduced the system universally followed in American Indian Institutions of having all my pupils half the day at school and half the day at Industrial employment. We make an exception however with our highest class of boys most or perhaps all of whom are destined to become School teachers. The morning hours for School are 7.30 to 8, 9 to 11.30; afternoon 3 to 5.30, evening 7 to 8.15. During the summer months the usual regulations for teachers & pupils are here changed viz morning & afternoon School each half an hour & cancelled the evening school hour, so that boating, swimming games &c may be enjoyed in the cool of the evening.

Schools. We continue our plan of holding eight examinations in the year, i.e. one in about every 5 weeks. The marks secured by each pupil at these examinations are added up at the end of the year and prizes awarded accordingly. The pupils are thus kept constantly studying & working steadily the year in order to gain prizes.

The progress of our pupils may be best seen by a comparison of the total number of marks gained during the examinations ending in July 1886, with those gained during the year ending July 1887.

		1886	1887	
Fourth (highest) class -	David -	1615	2051	- 436
(7 pupils in the class)	Johnny -	1715	2151	- 436
	Tommy -	1559	1900	- 341
(out of 2520)	Johnson	1322	1935	- 613
	Ned -	1263	1650	- 387
	Sakgej -	1412	1970	- 558
	Sonny -	1231	1611	- 380
Third class -	Wagamis -	1245	1426	- 181
(12 pupils)	Riley -	1104	1362	- 258
(out of 3360)	Ernest -	926	1138	- 212
	Alexander -	975	1095	- 120
	Willie	993	1097	- 104
	Oolkalbon -	708	1117	- 409
Second class -	William	685	848	- 163
(14 pupils)	Willie	621	754	- 133
	Benjamin	623	845	- 222
	Samson	625	920	- 295

Schools		1886	1887	Increase
First class - -	Maria -	1000	1352	352
(6 pupils)	Bella -	932	1286	354
(at 1800 m.)	Dora -	763	1136	373
Second class -	Marion	693	886	- 193
(6 pupils)	Sophy	590	837	- 247
	Mary Ann	435	692	- 257

Extract from printed Exam. Report

Trades - We are employing White men at present as Carpenter and boatmaker, but their services will be dispensed with shortly as we have not the means to meet the expense. For the trades the boys go up the village. At the present time we have 4 boys learning Carpentry, 4 boatmaking, 2 Wagon

Tailor, 2 Blacksmiths, 2 tailoring. The tinsmith boys were withdrawn during the winter for want of suitable man who employed them.

Health. The health of the pupils at this Institution has been on the whole good during the year. Four or five cases were received into the hospital, but all recovered. We have had no death since April 1885.

In concluding this Report I must say that we are labouring under a feeling of great disappointment & a sense even of injustice that the Department has not seen fit to accede to the repeated request for an increased grant towards the maintenance of our present Institution. Owing to the unreadiness of the Department to relieve us at a time of most pressing need - we are now forced to reduce our already limited staff & to take the guidance of the Indian parents in our work by sending away a number of pupils.

We hope that the Department will reconsider its action in the matter & take such steps as will

enable us to enlarge our building here as we have proposed, to receive and maintain a larger number of pupils, & also to erect two or more Receiving Homes at distant points, subscriptions towards which have already been received. Towards the Elbow Receiving Home, as I have mentioned in a former letter, I have $2000 in hand, & the gift of a peice of land, and could begin building at once, if the Department would promise assistance towards the future maintenance. Towards the proposed Receiving Home at Banff subscriptions have also come in, & I have the assurance of the Commissioner of Indian affairs in the N. W. T. that he is 'strongly in favor of it'. Whether the Department help me or not I intend, God helping me, to push forward this Elbow work.

I would just add that the two Blackfeet boys whom I brought to the Home this Spring are perfectly happy & contented, shewing no signs whatever of homesickness. One of them is learning carpentering the other tailoring, & they are apt pupils.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient servant
Edward F. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
July 13th 1887

To Lieut Governor
The D. W. T.

Sir -

I fear I encroach too much on Your time & kindness - may I ask you kindly to glance through the prospectus on the other side of the page - if so disposed - oblige me with a few lines of commendation & sympathy which I may make use of in the first Specimen number of the magazine which I am preparing to issue. I am at present doubtful - yet have great hope that it may succeed especially if supported by those high in authority who are interested in the Indian questions & if successful, I look it may become a permanency -

I remain Sir
Your respectfully
Edward F. Wilson

Saml. H. Wilcox
July 13 / 87

My dear Mr. Hale -

I herewith send you a brief prospectus of the Magazine Rich in the interest of the Canadian Indians I propose to launch. If the volume commends itself to you may I ask you kindly hand me a few lines of approval and if agreeable Rich I may make use of it in the first Specimen number. Should you have time & feel disposed also to furnish a paper on some Branch of the Indian question viz one of the topics mentioned in the prospectus - it would be most acceptable. The success of the volume must depend a good deal on the style of the first Specimen number & I want to make it as attractive & workmanly as possible -

Yours sincerely -
S. H. Wilcox

I regret that I am at present receiving no encouragement from Ottawa touching my work -

Saul[illegible]

July 13 /87

Dear Dr. Wilson

Will you lend your support to
this little project of mine? Now is a
favourable time for the kind in Canada
& I feel that we need such special medium
through which to bring the Indian Question
before the Canadian public. This
I know a venture on my part & there may
be great difficulty in launching it — Still
I am disposed to make the attempt — The
cost of a Specimen number at any rate
will not break me — & I shall not attempt
more than this till I see my way to a subscription
list. What I want you to do is to
furnish me a few words of Commendation &
sympathy if you feel disposed — & if you
could also send an Article giving your views
of the Indian Question it would be most
acceptable

Yours ancerely —

D. Wilson

Fort Snelling
July 1st 87

Dr. Mark Ripley
Supt. Indian Schools

Dear Sir

I have just received yr Report of our Schools - I regret I was not at home when you called - As to the cause why of modern desks we did not be any part of them if sent to Dt. Post or Ind Dept we supply - but our funds are too low - In regard to progress of Scholars since last year - I think it only fair to compare the marks gained by each scholar during years ended June 30/86 with those gained for year ending 87 at our own examinations - We have 3 classes in the year - & marks are all added together at the close - In the 4th (highest) class - out of 2520 m. the 7 boys gained as follows -

1886 -	1615 -	1715 -	1557	1322 -	1283 -	1412 -	[illegible]
1887 -	2051 -	2157 -	1900	1935 -	1850	1970 -	[illegible]
Increase	436 -	436 -	341	613	567	558 -	380

I should like to know whether you consider this much behind the progress made by other Schools -

I would like also to know whether you recommend change of masters - and if so have you anyone you can recommend? Preferred - able to teach Sing & Play organ besides qualifications - Salary $300 & board - How long after the 1st of Sept will the Term open -

Yrs faithfully
T. J. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
July 14/87

Mr John Rutherford
Dear Sir

I have no engraving of the medal - & am enclose it to you - Please return it to me as soon as done with it - I sent you the figure to-day & not a day or two ago - Please print me two reams of the letter paper - one ream of each kind of paper - & the price you name - $7.75 -

I am much obliged for yr careful estimate for the magazine - I am at present in communication with various parties in regard to it - & will write you again when I decide what to do -

Yours truly
S. F. Dickson

Jan 10 87.

Rev. Dr. Kelsey D.D.

Dear Sir

I am sending on the 'Ontario' Jenny King, Fanny Jacobs, Bella Rankin, Charles Johnson, Thomas White. Will you please collect $2.50 each for Nos. White & Bella Rankin & write if these pupils are to return to us. White's term is completed & he is a boy that I do not wish to keep any longer - indeed I am very much afraid he will go to the bad. I have told Arthur Mackenzie that I have written to Mr Shepherd enquiring if he is to return in consequence of Mr Shepherd's letter I have received him into the Girls' Home. In consequence of the Board not having attended to my request to increase the Grant towards maintenance I am in the position of receiving any new pupils this quarter. Indeed it is quite possible that I may have still to reduce our numbers - this I do not like as it will be very much disliked that will have to leave. I would like to know whether Mrs. Johnson is coming - if she is not I will have room for another. I will most gladly take him.

Yours sincerely
E. F. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie,
July 18th 57

My dear Mr Rowell

Yr letter of the 11th has just reached me.

I must confess that I am very much surprised at your views about Indian assistance. Mr Dep. Sup. Ellis has written me that you are prepared to do away from the Civilized towards maintenance of your Normal Schools or towards establishment of the proposed Branch ones. The result of this is that I have to put it by until the family of Mr. Mitchell produce a number of pupils at the Normal. We have been liberal in the hope of increased Indian assistance - & have expected it. We must now retrench. Even the Bishops grant means encouragement - & Rice Lewis's grant but that is all. We dare not call upon the Indians to pay more as the Govt encouragement [illegible] & the Govt [illegible] well pitched for it proposed that [illegible] Sullivan grant me no encouragement [illegible] Bishop (Chief) Pitchenene grant me no encouragement [illegible] Bishop proposed Branch Home - & Even as you know I was last December against their Home. I am [illegible]

not keep children away from me instead of being
in favor their education - I doubt very much from
last experience whether they will leave their children alone
if placed in the Oklahoma Post. They are a most unreasonable
people to deal with.

Now I hope you will not get too much down in the
blues after all this - I have just got over my fits of
- but I have had them before - Apparently the
Lord has been most hard down has been to them. Had
to put it down for me The work both on
these days of 12 years, has been successful - God's blessing
rested on it, - & I do not think it is likely not for
intends it to collapse just now - indeed I cannot help
that it down will pass in some way - & that I have
more work before me than I have ever had before -
I am certain it is the Roman Catholic element in
that is hindering post from helping us - I am
not going to budge an inch about this - Whatever work
they do in it be a distinctively Protestant work -
& with every one know it - My aim is to make the
Indian Protestants - loyal to the Country & loyal to the
Crown - I am bound to stick to this principle
Keep that & then - the Post knows that in making
grants to R. Catholic Institutions they are losing the Indians
mind & believe that no one can go to heaven except

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Roman Catholics - What right has the Pope to claim the Indians as any such thing? I want us my Institution to teach them that salvation is for all of Nations and Do believe in Jesus as their Saviour. The R.C. [illegible] & the Thousand & ten Thousand [illegible] & I am a Protestant am opposed to all [illegible] & the Bishops - the heads of our Church & stand [illegible] with their pockets [illegible] as we do [illegible] Rat business of the Indians.

And now What Shall we do?

If you will go ahead I will. I am disgusted at the [illegible] of Church people all through the Country. Work about Indian work - & but the ridiculous small sums that we give for carrying on Foreign work. And the Bishops & heads of the Church seem to have no faith - No life & noble desire - Unless I accept Bishop Anson. He left all his high church - ritualistic - practices in I believe the worst of the Bishops - because he has or does his work - look for no reward - & simply [illegible] work

Well - again What are we to do what Shall we do? Shall we let work at once & put up the buildings - without one cent in prospect for carrying on the work - will the [illegible] of the Church - I will [illegible] you are [illegible] Or - which seems to be [illegible] & that [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] on

for its support - but I left your plans at present
- have not a cent to meet the annual maintenance -
if [illegible] had acceded to my request for our Home Leg.
[illegible] would now be for a Hospital - & [illegible] be encouraged
to go up to Jeffn again - But the [illegible] refused
her flatly - every [illegible] for the time being - Our Home
[illegible] being so low - I do not see how we could [illegible]
[illegible] towards maintenance of the Oklahoma Home.
Well - if you think it wise to do so - [illegible]
[illegible] for the building - & we will hope that under
[illegible] they will [illegible] for the maintenance - You have
the $1000 & on your bill. & I will send you a
Cheque for the bal. (Museum requires) - As you
are on the Off I wd prefer leaving it with you to
arrange about the building details - I don't think
[illegible] in front of the house will look bad - they
[illegible] like to have it with you for Xmas &c at
the back.

I will write [illegible] the merits of the Building - My Doc
[illegible] is interested for the post it will be better to let
[illegible] - perhaps the Bishop will recommend -

Yours truly
(A. Wilson)

Sault Ste Marie
July 18th 1879

My dear Lord

I have received your letter of the 7th July. It is not very encouraging. I doubt not your prayers with me in my work – I would like (as you said in your last letter to me) have an Institution like the Shingwauk Home in operation in your Diocese – but you are afraid, I think that it may not succeed – you think it may become a burden and expense to the Diocese – But why should not the Algoma Institution succeed just as well as the Shingwauk? If it be God's will that we should have it surely God will show the way. I am praying – pray – for God's direction in the matter & I trust the way will be made clear. Surely it was the Holy Spirit of God put it into Mrs. Rossville's heart to give that $1000. He had had no communication with me – when he made that visit, – one day or two after I received one of my circulars – [illegible] Then another $1000 was added to the first – & a friend of mine in the village – & Mrs. R. seems quite stirred up about it – & desirous for me to build – It was [illegible] my desire circumstances & then that I began my work here –

Why are people so apathetic

Indian work? Why is it a matter of so little
importance whether the Indians become Roman Catholics or
Protestants? I am talk. a distinctly Protestant Board
intended to do so. Even tho' it turns the foot against me
& turns some of our Church people against me - I believe
the Board I am talk. to is right in
the Roman Catholics
are teaching the Indians that no people can go to heaven
except R. Catholics. I protest against and teach & will
protest - The R.Cs are rapidly gaining ground - by an
[illegible] dollars from the foot & thousands & tens of thousands -
& I assure I am a protestant am loth to stand aside -
Send no one will help me in this matter. No one seems
to care what becomes of the Indians. I have had a
great deal to depress me of late - but for will I doubt not
receive a letter from the door true. I have written
to Mr Roswell Hart if he will go ahead I will - & leave
it with him to decide whether or not to build a road -
Mr Lovins - I would not on any account support his
second in Lac Leal if you think it better for him to stay
there - but I understood from him some time ago that it
was his settled intention to leave that station on account of his
wife's health - & that made me think of him. I would very
much prefer to leave it with you to name a man for the post
whom you think the best fitted - but I do not see that
he can do it that substantial assistance towards the clergyman's salary from
the Indians
Board. Heaven & it is God's cause - May He teach us his will -

Remain my dear Lord
Very Sincerely
S. H. Wilson

July 25th 1867

Mrs Harriet Hill

London

Enclosed you my Check for $20- for which you have already sent me receipt -

Will you please send me the day of Pascoe's birth on the enclosed post card -

The boys must come back to School Sept 2d -

Yours

S J Wilson

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6 P.S. Hill Esqr

Dear Sir

I remitted you £2 15 for Pascoe has been placed to my Credit in the Bank of Montreal - $72.50

Last week sent Mrs Hill $10 on her acct Nick leaves $40.46 of his money still in my hands. I fear the poor woman is leading a dissolute life - never addresses that account with kind love any more - Could you not let me have the $40.46 on Pascoe's account - they have for months why then his education is cost it be paid Mrs Hill.

London you Pascoe's school report - He is a nice little fellow - with good features - [illegible]

Yours faithfully

S. J. Wilson

July 20 87

Laus

Francis Wenke Esq & Co:

Sirs -

Enclose your #1 for fee - & #15 for provisions - Bill please and as per accompanying list - If not quite enough you must leave out some items or two -

I am sorry to recommend to you by Mrs Sullivan - wife of the Bishop of Algoma

Yours truly
S. J. Wilson

Address
Revd S. J. Wilson
Sault Ste Marie, Ont.

Laus

Mrs Anderson

Dear Madam -

In reply to yours of the 11th Inst. We all thank Miss Livingstone very much. While she was here - we were very sorry that the pain in her eye after her unfortunate accident compelled her to leave us - I would hope that you will accept her invitation & your girls home - & I am sure you will find her thoroughly conscientious & attentive to all her duties. I cannot say anything about a vacant Rectory - as the last news of an important kind which we have had is that Mrs Wilson has left us -

Yours faithfully
S. J. Wilson

I only received yr letter yesterday -

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The Ojibways

The Editor of the Mail

Dear Sir Holland is the [illegible] of a letter I have just sent to the Rev. W. Macaulay, the Methodist Missionary at Oka; I ask you to publish it, that we may see how Protestants who have more means than I have help their cause —

Shingwauk Home, Sault Ste Marie
Aug 20 1887

Dear Sir I have just read the appeal of yourself and others in Saturday's "Mail" — & tho' I am not a rich man & have a large family to support I send you twenty dollars to help your cause. We protestants must be united in a common cause against Roman Catholic oppression. If we do not help you now to stand your ground, our own foundations will I believe before long be giving way. The Roman Catholics are without doubt aiming to bring the whole Indian population of Canada under their domination, and to prevent this I believe the only way is for all protestants engaged in Indian work to unite and resist them. The Indian Department is already [illegible] under Roman Catholic domination. Thousands of dollars are being expended on the erection and maintenance of Roman Catholic seminaries for Indian children while Protestant institutions appeal in vain for help. Tell your Chiefs they have my most hearty sympathy and I want all Indians who are loyal to our Queen desire to have their children taught the Bible, to unite in resisting the Roman Catholics & let the Government know plainly that they wish their children to be brought up as protestants —

Yrs faithfully
Edward F. Wilson

July 23 / 57

My dear Lord

I am sorry I will be unable to call on you today but am anxious to know at once about my salary as if it is reduced I must endeavour to find Rectors to the Mil. College. Why I asked you to reduce my salary prior to the Stock question - if it should be necessary to do so - I understood from you that it would not be necessary to do so - I have received no word since either from yourself or Mr Campbell that any reduction was to be made - yet almost an entire Quarters salary is withheld. When I wish to ask Mr Campbell he said it (that) it was an oversight - he sends me a postcard - "I wish the Bishop would attend" - What does this mean? It is certainly most unsatisfactory way of doing business - & I do not think it is right to withhold a Clergymans salary without (months after) his duty. When I wrote you asking you to put down my salary to the Stock - I intended if you did so to send Rectors into Canada like Archie - & join up the Mil. Coll. as I could not afford it - But as you did not accept my offer - I have gone to the expense with him - & the boy has done well - not will I be a great disappointment to him to have to give it up -

Linn St. Chapel
July 25th 57

My dear Mr. Hale

Enclosed you receipt for the $50.95 which you have kindly sent - I am glad to know that Dr Wilson approves my Report - As regards the future I am at present quite at a stand still - Can get no help towards my projects either from Episcopal Society - or the Church - only I hope it is the drawing back of a big wave preparatory to a big roll up the beach - I have sometimes thought better I could get the Yankees on my side - They are doing a great deal for the Bishop in the States - Some of Church people seem wonderfully jealous about Episcopal work distracting Church of England - but small fishes don't help me -

Yrs sincerely
S. H. Wilson

Linn St. Chapel
July 28

Dear Miss Selwyn

I wrote to Miss Armour - but as I got your letter - but was pressed for time to write also to yourself - I was very sorry indeed to hear of your illness - very much hope that you will find the fresh breezes of Hamilton a complete cure - & the duties pleasant - If at any time you are ugly - send to me know - & I will do what I can to help you - In my letter to Miss A. I said - "I am sure you will find the Hon. of conscience & attention to all her duties"

Yrs sincerely
S. H. Wilson

I shall send Alice Thompson some Tracts.

Yuma Mess. Rec.

July 25 '87

Dear Lord.

I have sent you Six Yuma Miss. Rec subscribers - (about 100) - with the account of Net Proceeds up to December '87 - total $199.69

I propose to exclude ourselves from all claim to sum of $199.69 - further than that any subscription that comes in two between this time & June 1st to pay is again issued under our pieces we have the right to keep. After June 1st I shall have brought out six first issues now shall on to them any subscription that may through error into our hands.

Any subscription for current year paid in advance we have a right to keep - but I am equally sure in cases which we point you the benefit of. This is with the simplest way of settling the matter. I am endeavoring to make out the exact D. & C. acct of the subscribers.

In case, Rev. Lloyd, if the Diocese will be forwarded Notice of Publication when desired.

Yours sincerely

C. H. Wilson

Mail to Mr. Dennis
July 26 1867

H. Dennis
Central Bank
Ft
London or Paris

Draper — $77.75
" 87.50
P.O.O. — 54.95 220.40

Will Mail please credit & oblige.
Send also the power of attorney
by this Express Messenger Wilson
to endorse or draw drafts &c — &
receive & fill a receipt from
please send me — Following
is his signature.

E Francis Wilson

Jno F. Wilson

July 26/67

My dear Mr. Jewett

London Jan. David's
last Report — the 1st is the
Wife — Francis Thomas Owen
will be the Exam. for Latin &
Mathematics —

Will Bell we do not know when
his second year is up — & it will be a
great help for him to go back to the
Indian Reserve. Could he not get
work in some office or place of
business in London? — We want
Thomas to be public Mr. Indians
can be made use of — & that it is
not worth while to educate them. Would
you write him yourself? His address
now is c/o Albert Hockley Esq., Wallaceburg, C.W.

Yours truly
J. F. Wilson

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...espy should be given over into the hands of the Roman Catholic priests? Is it a matter of indifference to Protestants Canada & in England whether the Indians are brought up in Romish faith, under Roman & French influences, or whether they be taught the Gospel of pure Christ?

I have my own views – strong views – on the subject, but, with the Government refusing help, English Ecclesiastical ministry, the Canadian Church so indifferent appears to me the Sole question, What am I to do?

I commit my cause into God's hands and pray for patience to await His time.

E. F. WILSON.

Ste Marie
July 27th 1887.

A Brief Statement of the present position of the Indian Homes at Sault Ste Marie.

I make no fresh appeal for funds.

If I ask our kind friends to give a few moments to read through carefully, and I hope sympathetically, the following Report of our work for the past year, also to note the following

On June 1884 we had	32 boys	–	22 girls	– Total	54
1885	" 43	"	21	"	64
1886	" 47	"	23	"	70
1887	" 53	"	27	"	80

Our Homes were never in a more hopeful & prosperous condition than in the summer of 1887.

The location of Branch or Receiving Homes is not yet definitely decided on, as many important contingencies have to be considered, but we hope if the way opens to have two or more of them. Towards the Receiving Home at Orillia, we have $2000 in hand & the gift of a freehold land. We want to build another at Banff, among the Rocky Mountains, and another on the neighborhood of Sarnia.

We had very much hoped that ere this domestic would have been done towards enlarging the Shingwauk Home. Our increasing numbers require it, and we desire to carry out our plan of making it a large Central Protestant Institution for Indian Children.

Everything just now as regards Our Homes is at a complete standstill.

We have been overdrawing our resources, relying in the hope of a government grant & liberal gifts from our friends to get all this new work on foot, & these hopes having failed, we are now obliged to retrench.

I am obliged to part with my assist. Superintendent, being unable to pay his salary, and must reduce the number of

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my pupils to about 40 boys & 20 girls. At the beginning the year our maintenance Fund was overdrawn $687,- & now shows a deficit of $1100.

The Indian Department has written me word that it has no money available for any extra assistance towards the Shingwauk Home or towards the establishment of branch institutions in connection therewith.

We have sunk back into the position we were in about 5 years ago; and all our prospects of enlargement and usefulness seem for the present blighted.

A question forces itself on my mind — How is it that the United States, notwithstanding all that has been said of the general ill-treatment of the Indians, has been able to found some 32 large Institutions for Indian Children, as Hampton Institution in Virginia for 600 pupils, which receives $80.000 a year from the United States Government and $10.000 a year from the United States public?

And another question forces itself upon me — How is it that our Canadian Government has within the last few years erected an Indian Institution at a cost of $25.000 near Calgary in the N.W. for the Roman Catholics, and another Institution at a cost of $25000 at Fort Qu'Appelle for the Roman Catholics, & is about to build another Institution for Indian Girls in the same place for the Roman Catholics, and last year gave $4000 towards rebuilding the Roman Catholic Institution on Manitoulin Island, and yet has no money to give to the Shingwauk Home which has been struggling for years with so many difficulties during the past 12 years?

How it is that this Country that the Indians whose land we are

Rev. Dr. Mackay.

Sendtime you - a brief prospectus of a monthly magazine which I am going to bring out in the interest of Indian education and civilization. Some kind friend like you for wish as I do, to recognize the work of the Protestant church - but unless we agree to work together & to recognize each other's work, & join a social communion - the Church of Rome - I feel we are in great danger of losing the Indians altogether. The Indian Dept seems now to be already under R.C. Control -

Now unless you are opposed to my project - would you be willing to work with me & this extent - for my magazine to be published at the same office of our paper & for me to interchange the

use of cuts &c - I have always taken from a publisher in Owen Sound - if you approve & like a hint from a publisher on the above subject - the magazine & the Christian paper & much like the SPCK publication 'Dawn of day' - At first I intend not to put out a sample copy & circulate it - & to keep a subscription list filled before doing more - The object of the magazine is to be very devoid from party - & big interest for the denomination beside the Church - I think will not in any way clash with yours - The Adj. M. here I am going up - & I want to hear all my energies towards Indian work -

Yours truly
E. F. Wilson

Shipwreck House
Sault Ste Marie
July 28/87

The Editor of the Mail -

Sir

You have already received kindly befriended our work here among the Indian children - & are aware that I have been trying to induce Government - to do more to help us - which after 14 years hard work I think it ought to do - but of course the pay all to the Roman Catholics.

Will you be so good as to read through the enclosed circular which I have just had printed & am distributing widely enclosed with our Annual Reports -

And will you also glance through our Annual Report -

Then - if you can will notice the matter in your columns - I need scarcely say how indebted I shall feel to you - & in no other way - could I make the position in which we are now placed widely known -

Trusting I am not trespassing too much on your generosity -

I am Sir
Yours faithfully
Edward F. Wilson

Aug 15th

Dr. Craig M. Nichol

Dear Sir

I would like hear from you
Letter you are still desirous of joining me in my
work – if so what you would be willg to commence
on a very small salary with prospect of increase as
our funds may admit. Of late we have been much
drawn on resources relief in behalf of an increased sick
list – this has failed us, & we are now obliged to
retrench. I am obliged to part with my assistant
Smith who has been receiving $300 and board – we are
unable for the present to meet his salary. We are also
reducing the number of our pupils. It will be very
hard for me to manage alone as there is much – multiplicity
of duties – my office books, clothg, account
correspondence, visits &c. &c. &c. – An earnest
at my right hand to assist in all the
above is what I want – but unfortunately I cannot at present
guarantee any definite salary. Our School work is in
fine hand. & I feel sure that he will soon be ready for
it. Please write freely in return

Yours sincerely
S. D. Wilson

My dear Mr Boswell –

Kindly excuse my writing on this proof
sheet of our new letter paper – I thought perhaps
you would like to see it

Your letter of August 7th has just reached me
– & gives me entire satisfaction – I think our
ideas are very much the same as to our – There
are times I believe when it is necessary to stand
still – & this is probably a case in point –
at any rate as far as we are not likely to lose
anything by putting up the horses –
I wonder if the Bishop would agree for Mr
Irvine to move in the matter – that it should be
raised as to from up – not as regards our own
precarious situation – but
responsible for the safety of our

- regard to funds. I have on deposit receipt for
$900 in the Bank of Montreal at 2 per cent. & can
get this out any time - but it is the only Reserve
we have to fall back upon - Our funds will be
pick up - and as Brother Jan knows it is a matter
Conscience to have a second fund to borrow from sometime
in case of need. If I send you the Draft for $900
& we should by any chance get into a fuss with our
maintenance fund - you would I expect let me
draw temporarily on the balance of your $1000 which
would remain in your hands.
As to form for deed. If it is the Church property
suggested - the form must be got from the Bishop of
Rupert Land who I suppose will act as trustee - It
should be provided that no part may be leased sold &c - with
the approval & consent of Revd. J. H. Wilson or his successor
& that the money results from rent or sale be employed
in Educational work among the Indians. I should
think that would be sufficient security. Your letter
seems to imply that the land is to be deeded to me personally -
This surely is not necessary - Better to deed it right over
to the Diocese - with the above provisions.
I am sorry Jean is not coming back. After deducting
the value of Brotherton cloth which he took away I have
$7.50 standing to his credit - for which I enclose you a
cheque - also $4.25 order for tools - I think a line
from you to Robert Kerr (Sec. pass. agt. - Winnipeg) will bring order for a
free ticket for Ben - He promised always that on leaving town -
or if you can
get it let him do so. Yours sincerely J. H. Wilson

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Augt 15/07

Rev. J. Hayward

Dear Sir

In reply to yours received a few days since - My authority for stating that the U.S. Govt contributes $167 per capita for support of pupils in Indian Institutions is the Indian Department Report published in Washington - I was also told so by the authorities in charge of the Institution which I visited.

I was surprised & pained to see that you had spoken in print of my little paper "Our Lost Children" - You will know what no doubt that I am aiming mightily & praying that the Indians under Protestant influence -

Your missionaries have done nobly - have been far more self sacrificing than any I ours on this continent & as men I respect them - but I abhor the teachings of your Church - & would be sad that a thousand of your priests will follow in the footsteps of martyrs & refuse to be any longer tyrannized over by Rome - Then might we united join hands in endeavoring humbly & faithfully to do not the Pope's work - but the work of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ - You will kindly excuse my writing this & believe that I am a Protestant minister I have written me as any earnest desire to do God's work -

Yrs very faithfully S. H. Wilson

My town Block [illegible] is Oberlin

Saulte Ste Marie
Augt 16 1849

Dear Mr. Ironside

I am very sorry that I missed seeing you when you were here - I am sure the 3 boys must have been delighted to see you.

You will be glad I think to hear that we have already commenced building the Mission House - I expect to have it ready before winter.

Until however the Govt grant is made towards the maintenance it will be impossible to commence with any Indian children - I am writing them also from the Bp of Ruperts Land who has agreed to my proposal of which

I have just written to Mr Borrodaile suggesting that the build[ings] might be used for the present simply as a Parsonage. I do not see how it will be well for you to ask the Bishop to appoint you to that Mission as a first step - when on the way

[illegible] I cannot give any part of salary until or get a [illegible]

[illegible]

Sault Ste Marie
August 19th 1879

To Manager Bank of Montreal
Toronto

Sir

I return you deposit
receipt for $805 - Dick Mann credit
& int. to my Indian Home acct &
oblige me -

Yrs truly
Edward S. Wilson

Shipwreck Home
Sault Ste Marie
Aug 19 1867

Wm L. Hopper M.D.
Dear Sir

The medicines we ordered from
you which you have sent me account
[illegible] were unpacked & put away while
we were at the Rapids & I have only
just had time to look them over - I find
the following items wrong - Surgeons scissors,
one pair weights, 2 mortars - Your bracken
I think must have omitted & put them in
when I unpacked the case - they were not -

Please send at once as I am in
[illegible]

Yours truly -
W. L. Wilson

Sault de Sainte
Ontario
August 28th/87

The Secretaries of the
Col. & Col. Church Society
Dear Sirs -

You are aware from my former Communications & Reports which have been sent to you - that I have for some time contemplated, if it should please God, the extension of our work among the Indian Children - & the establishment of Branch Homes in connection with our Shingwauk Home at various distant points. With a view to doing this I have during the last 3 summers travelled a good deal in the North West & visited among the Wild Indians of the Sioux Cree Saulteaux Blackfeet & other tribes. We are thankful to find - how much is being done for these people by the Church of England - as indeed by any Protestant denomination - Protestants seem as yet to be at work - but with a spirit I suppose of self-reliance - seem to be left to make use of & provide means of grace for themselves - Believing the poor Indians

uncared for - The result is that the Romanists
seem to be having it all their own way - They have
favored and influenced with Dominion Government
- that large institution for Indian children having a
Second Storey in the Work was built entirely
at the expense of the Govt & placed in charge of
the Romanists - One near Blackfoot crossing,
where the Rev. J. W. Tims, C.M.S. is laboring, cost
$25.000, and yet there is not a Blackfoot child
in it - The Blackfoot nation boys in number
are all heathen - & will & do send their children
to the Roman Catholics to be educated - Then
there is another Govt Industrial near Qu'Appelle
which also cost $25.000 & is in the hands of the
Roman Catholics - I think there ought
to be a protest made against Government money
being expended as largely on Roman Catholic
Institutions for Indian children - While old
established Institutions like our Wesleyan Methodist
(Methodist Church) may be left - But this last
protest of Dominion would be for Church people to
arouse themselves to action & to determine that the
poor Indians shall not be allowed to turn from

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Paganism & Romanism – but all be taught the truth as it is in Jesus. It is of no use I feel to approach the Government or back Help towards a Protestant work – while Protestants continue so cold & apathetic as regards the Indians.

It seems to me that I almost stand alone in Canada – as regards Indian work. I must feel that any of the Bishops are really interested in Indian work. Most of them use as Most of funds for carrying on work among scattered White settlers that they feel they can do very little for Indian Missions. We have one Bishop Whipple or Bishop Hare in Canada – as Champion of the Indian Cause. Hence work is allowed to dwindle – or I feel at this almost hopeless. It has been a [illegible] for me keeping up the work of these Homes – Just now as you will see the printed Statement enclosed our Maintenance Fund is so low that we have reduced our numbers & economise in every way possible. Christ's Love & Truth, God help me to carry out my plans for extension, – We are even now

Commence to build a Branch Home at Elkhorn, Manitoba. It will be a small Institution for about 16 pupils. We have money enough to build it, but not to [illegible] towards maintenance. No promise of help from Government.

Now - I desire to ask whether your Society will take this up - Whether you will give an annual grant of say £100 towards the support of the Elkhorn Institution - The Rev. Mr. Irwin who until now has been in charge of the C.M.S. Station at Lac Seul, Manitoba, - is ready to take the post of Superintendent & join the Home if only I can get support. The Bishop of Rupertsland approves, but can guarantee no help. The people in Elkhorn will assist in the salary - as Mr. I. would act also as their pastor.

I desire also to suggest that your Society take as "the Indian Work in Canada" as a Special object, & that you should establish a Special fund for prosecuting it - just as the C.M.S. has a Special Fund for the Central African Work &c -

Will your Committee think it over - You see the whole position is - what difficulties are - what the field is - & how great is the work which God helps me to do - & what I want to do - Yours faithfully

J. Wilson

[illegible] Rev. Mr. Blackfoot [illegible] Rupert's Land [illegible]

Dear Robin

Your engagement with me was from June 18th to Sept 18th. No re-engagement has been made. I think it best to decide at once - Not you leave me at that date viz - Sept 18th.

Yrs faithfully
L. J. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
Augt 22/87

W. H. Plummer Esq.

Dear Sir

Lender your

P. O. O.	1	10
"	12	50
"	18	35
Clayer	62	20
	$100	55

Please credit "Hudson Mines Co"

Yrs truly
L. J. Wilson

Sault
Aug 22/87

Dear Walton

Sir

I beg to acknowledge receipt of £7 due from Mrs Chelsea for rebate of Mr detained by her son Joseph.

As you say Mrs Chelsea is a poor woman I send you £2 as a gift to her from myself - & shall be happy to help her again at some future time if she is really in want - but I do think a big fellow like Joseph ought to be able now to work for her.

The Writ for £7 would have been cancelled if Joseph had been sent back to fill out his time as per agreement -

Yrs faithfully
S. H. Wilson

Dear Mr Osborne

Many thanks for yr remittance of £1 for A.M.A.

I am awaiting the notes of confirmation from Parry Sound - & hope Mr Saville will not be long in forwarding them

I do not think the A.M.A. meeting will be before the 1st June - and I do not see how I could announce it earlier. What are guarantees for? Clergy & from clubs - as Rev Lloyd argues -

Yrs sincerely
S. H. Wilson

[illegible]
Lewis Bank Co.
Lewis Co. N.Y.
Nov 22nd 1870

D. W. Seymour Esq.
Dear Sir

A letter was received from you dated May 7th 1866. I was away in the North West - ending a statement of Jacob Hawkey - I have not had time to attend to it before -

The Statement that Jacob Hawkey makes in regard to work 3 months on farm & receiving credit for which are not true. During the 2 months vacation he was working on farm most of the time & received pay for doing so - & at a higher rate than is given to pupils for their work in the American Institute which I have visited. The sum of $9.00 was charged against Jacob Hawkey for clothing which he took with him when he ran away - & I consider that we have full claim on him for that amount considering that he broke the agreement by absconding. I find however that we have on our books $8.25 standing to his credit in Savings Bank acct. Mr. Mitchell failed to call my attention to this when he gave me Jacobs clothing acct. & I also overlooked it. As the amounts are so nearly the same I am willing to set one against the other - & cancel Jacobs account

Dear Abby -

Thompson Wallace not having returned I must ask you to collect $5.35 from his parent as guardian & remit me as soon as possible.

Mrs David Macgregor - paid us a visit here while I was absent from home. She took her two daughters Mary Ann & Ellen home for vacation - The latter wd have been sent when the holidays began but a child had only sent for the money required to procure her tickets for their return journey - which Mrs Macgregor has paid me for - & there will be so much on which I shall gain by paying their return.

William Solomon also paid us a visit - having run away as he said that his boy Wesley was going about without any shirt on his back. I enquired into this - & found another boy one day (while I was away) took Wesley's shirt while playing - & it seems Wesley took it off & hid it away. As soon as Mrs Mitchell found the boy without a shirt she sent him home to him again. The boy also had a new suit of clothes given him for Sunday.

I told Mrs Solomon plainly that I thought it was very ungrateful for parents to come & look round the Institution & pick out little faults which are liable to occur at any school - While blinding their eyes to all the good that we are trying to do for them at present. While I became disgusted with the Indians on account of their attitude. I will be obliged if you will read this to the Indians in my name.

Yours &c
C. O. Watson

Lac La Biche
Aug 27/84

My dear Mr Lacombe

I have had very little time these few days of the Blackfoot Language - but have made an incomplete diction from the words I gathered from you - & the R.C. school book. Which I have been trying to talk with the two boys. What I want very much - is a few texts of Scripture - Would you kindly give me the translation of John 3. 16, Rom 5. 8, 2 Cor 5. 21, 1 John 1. 7 (last part) I would try the text to the boys learn them verses both in Blackfoot & English - Also if you can find time - will you send me translation of the following -

Do you want to learn about God?
It is bad to steal, to lie, to swear, to be angry, to commit fornication
God hates sin.
If we love God we shall hate sin.
God loves us. God wants you to love him.
Jesus Christ died to save us.
They put nails through his hands & feet.
They put a crown of thorns on his head.
Jesus was quite good but he died for our sins.
If you love Jesus you will always be happy.
I want all of you - people to become Christians.

I want you to love God in your heart.
A Christian is not afraid to die.
If we love God we shall be quite happy after we die.
All the people in heaven are quite happy.
No one is sick or poor or wicked in heaven.
If you love Jesus you will go to heaven.
The devil is all the time tempting us to sin.
We must fight against the devil
Jesus will help us if we look to Him.
Mean or similar sentences.
Also very short accounts of
Jesus making the blind see
" raising the widows son
" Lazarus
" receiving little children.
" healing the sick of the palsy
" Crucifixion
" Resurrection.
" Ascension.
Peter walking on the sea.

I am afraid I am asking a great deal — but remember it is for your boys — so in one way a part of yr. legitimate work —

Yr. devoted
S. L. Wilson

Lord & Taylor's Manuscripts
Aug. 25/89

The Manager
Frank Leslie Co.
Dear Sir

In reply to yours of the 24th inst. I shall probably defer bringing out the Magazine Idea of it is 'Our Lord's Children' for the present.

I would like to hear from you at what rate you could supply me cuts & 'process work' of 24 of my Water Color Sketches, any of which is 6 inches is size to be published in Sketch book form.

I am sending a number of them to Mrs Horne, 69 Jameson Ave., Parkdale, & will ask her to let you see them before returning them to me.

I would like also your opinion whether such a publication would be acceptable. I did have cuts also of some Indian Homes & that description of each Sketch on the alternate leaves.

Could you handle the Sketches as they are now. & would you want the Mind in Sepia.

Yours faithfully
L. C. Wilson

Sault de Indien
Aug 25/87

My dear Mr Rowe

I am sending you 2 Photos as follows:- as I have no time to make Copies - Please return them - flat as sent - When done with. Also kindly let the Manager of the Toronto Engraving Co Cor. Yonge & Jordan Streets see them, as I want to know about printing some of my photos & "process work" for publication.

1 Old Sun's tepee -
2 Mr. Sun's house & stable
3 Ration day (Blackfeet)
4 " "
5 Blackfeet moving camp
6 Cree Indians -
7 Crowfoot & Old Sun
8 Saulteaux Camp -
9 Rev J. Macdougall & wife
10 Oak Ruin - Sioux Indian
11 " (Rev Mr Bu[illegible]man) first & first Dance.
12 Hort Du Appelle
13 Oklahoma
14 Wawanosh point
15 Train leaving Oklahoma
16 One of Mr Ruin's Indians

Yours very truly
Edward S. Wilson

Sept 26 7

Dear Jacks-

I am send you down Some Annual Report & copies of "Our Children" in hope that you will kindly send them out to friends -

Our funds are very low at present - & our work consequently crippled. Wish we had a fifty pound Mission box to go on as well -

It would help me very much if you could kindly give me a list of people Either in England or Canada to whom I might send Reports & Circulars. We must try & get our work more widely known & then we shall get more help -

You will be glad I think to hear that we have already commenced building the Branch Home at Oakbank in Manitoba - It will be finished I think before winter - & will accommodate 16 pupils - but we cannot open it till we get more funds -

Yrs sincerely

S. L. Wilson

How do you like Kitty's pa. ?

Aug 26th 7

Rev. R. P. Yates

Dear Sir

Your post card received - about
your will see my correct address - & I shall
have pleasure in sending you the "Illy ma Friendly
News" - also a little paper which we publish officially
on behalf of our Mission called "Our Own Children".
The price of the former is 20 ct a year the second
10 cts - but we distribute a large number of each gratis -
I enclose you one of our "Child's Papers" - & am sending
you also our last Annual Report & printed Statement -
Our funds are low at present & our work consequently
crippled but with God's blessing we hope new friends may
be raised up to help us. If you could give me a
few new addresses to whom I might send reports &
Circulars it would help us

Yours faithfully

J. Wilson

Calgary Sept 26th 1887

P. H. Buchanan Esq.
Dear Sir

I have to-day written to C. W. Spencer of the C. P. R. asking for his lowest rates to convey myself & 10 Indian boys from Calgary to Montreal & back - to reach Montreal Friday night (Oct 7) morning (Oct 8) - & to leave again on Tuesday -

I am afraid I can make no definite promise yet as to our going - Our pupils are all away for holidays - & school does not reassemble until Sept 5 - Several of our good boys & speakers have left - & the Work here will have to be reorganized - My assistant supt also is leaving us Oct 8th - & I shall be single handed with all the management, accts &c to attend to - Still I do not like to miss the opportunity - Will make an effort to come -

I write at once so that you may know it is my intention if possible - to bring 10 boys - & remain for a week or more) night Oct 3rd - I shall be glad to hear from you know more definitely after one pupil. from all parts & the call comes from the C. P. R. Can you arrange to accommodate us so long?

Yours Sincerely
E. L. Wilson

Aug 26th 7

E. H. Mason Esq.

Dear Sir

I have been invited by a detachment of my fellows to Montreal to attend "the Children's Jubilee Mission services & parade" on the first of October next.

The low state of our funds will prevent us accepting the invitation unless special facilities for travel are afforded us.

It would be a great benefit & kindness if you could allow myself & 10 of my Indian boys of various tribes to travel over your line from Algoma Mills to Montreal & back at as low a rate as you can possibly allow.

We should want to reach Montreal early night Sept 30th or early Saturday morning - & to leave again for home the following Tuesday. Oct 4th

Trust you will give the matter your kind consideration & let me hear as soon as possible.

Yours very truly

Edward F. Wilson

Sept 26th 7

Dear Mr Lewis -

The 2 boys posted - had a pack-
-et from Rich I could not make out -
-it at first as a last resort I got Appleton
to dictate from the enclosed letter by me - I am
very doubtful Rather you will understand it -
as I could not tell what they were driving at -
hope it is not that they are homesick & want to
go home - If it is this I hope you will
write & clear them up - & tell them they must
make up their minds to remain till Spring - The
boys will be all returning from holidays next week &
school will be keeping open - Perhaps they think
there is no use going to them any more school.
I will write at all events & Mary - so that
if it is all right - I know him surprised that they
were not so happy & contented - they are lots of
them perhaps well - & I hope will keep so. We are
expecting Mrs Brown to call now on her way up to you -
Yours truly C. H. Wilson

Aug 26th 7

To Respected Becca
My dear friend

I am sending your boy Ned home by the bit the letter - so that he may have a talk with you. I am very fond of Ned - & would like to stay 2 or 3 days now - & perhaps get work in some office or store - but he has been very troublesome in many ways of late - We have had keys taken out of doors - & cupboards broken open - & several things stolen - I cannot tell whether it is Ned that does these things, but it seems to me that he is mixed up with it. Also he does not do his work well - he keeps running away to play instead of work. I think that now he has been 5 days with us he might be a better boy - & to set his other smaller boys a good example. I wish you to talk to him and advise him. If you wish me to take him back he will make up his mind to be a good obedient boy I will take him again - but I do not wish to have him here if he is going to be a bad boy. I may perhaps come down on the steam yacht next week. If I don't come send the children on the steam boat.

If I come - I shall come to Rookwood.

Yrs sincerely S. H. Wilson

August 27 7

J. J. Mason Esq
Dear Sir

Last Fall I drew up - some more
sent from Homes - Rev. W. Reed of Toronto - &
yourself - & Rev. L. H. Kirby of Collingwood -
viz - Sometime last winter —— $18.75
April 19/07 —— 18.75
Easter Offering —— 17.26

When you remit money to us - you name only the diocese
from which it comes - Consequently it is impossible for
us to know whether or not we receive the amts due from
our regular subscribers - I don't think we have received
either of the last 2 items - have no proof that we received
even the first -

Yours truly
L. H. Wilson

Aug 22 27

Mr. Peter Jacobs

Dear Sir

I have been expecting to hear from you with many to pay for your little girl Anna to go home for holidays - but now it is nearly the end of the vacation so I suppose you do not want her to go home -

I enclose you a ticket for Sippi & return to go on the Sarnia boat - Friday evening Sept 2nd. I think it will be the "Ontario" - & all the Sarnia & Walpole girls will be coming back then -

I am afraid I will not be able to take your little boy Some your Bro. home about at present. Perhaps I may be able to take him next spring.

Anna & Caroline & Lily & Nettie are all quite well -

Yours truly

S. A. Bilas

Aug 29 7

My dear Lord

Can we speak about Irvine leaving
for Ruin. It strikes me that Irvine
might be available for this work. I propose to put
him in charge of our Elkhorn Institution which
we must build as soon as we can secure
funds for its maintenance — but that cannot be
at present. It may necessitate my going to
England in the Spring. If so my post would
like that Irvine as reporter at Pardon Ruin so
as to be conversant of him. & I thought it might perhaps
assist you to put him there as a stop gap.

Yours sincerely
R. K. Wilson

Irvine is still stuck at Lac Pelé
but desirous on leaving that mission
on account of his medical aid man.

Aug 29th 7

My dear Mr Rowsell

I enclose you my cheque for £900 for the Elkton Home - also my note for £1000 as requested - Please let me have a fresh note for the bal. after paying for the Build.

Mr Marsh has just sent me £25 & sent Lieut Wasi home. It is disappointg that Lieut keeps away like this - but I have exhorted this sort of thg before -

If any of them make statements that thg have not been equally dealt with about money sent them from this home - please let me know - & I will send a full statement of what was received for each & what paid to them - I will not suffer false reports to be circulated without proving their falsity - The boys were well fed well clothed well cared for kindly treated all the time they were with us - & I dont think any of them - unless Thunder - really wished to leave till their parents persuaded them

Yrs Sincerely
S. F. Wilson

Aug 29 7

Mrs M. Marsh Sr.
Dear Sir

I have received yr letter covering $25 to pay for Wm's return home.

We are sorry that you will find a full statement of Jos Thornton's Bank Wm, Joseph Burns, & Lazarus accts. shows what has been received & what paid & when.

I shall be much obliged if either you or Mr. Burgess can see the parents, & explain to them the matter & them - as it is both annoying & wrong that the boys old make statements shows that if have been in any way unjustly dealt with.

If may have received the money which I did not know about. I think some of them did receive a registered letter before Nov 8/06. but I did not assume control of any of their money before that time. My reason for this is that is both of boys put large amts to do as they pleased with them & to squander it, to buy forbidden things, & liable also have it stolen from one another.

As to the Savings Bank &c. the parents must understand that boys are allowed to earn money which here depends on their good conduct - keeping the rules. If boys behave well they may get from 10 to 20 cts a week each & 30, 40, &

to a work fund in the Savings Bank for him according to the value of their work. This Savings bank money is held at present in trust, until the Natives [illegible] leave. If [illegible] before the stipulated time it is forfeited.

John Thomas having remained his full time - one year - received his Savings Bank money (the sum at least, a trifle) Tuapawani - it has been explained to him that his name is opened for him to remain one year - I gave him orders for boots for his Savings Bank £2 0s -

Ben - will forfeit his S.B money if he does not return - & will also forfeit cost of return journey - as his name opened with us for him to stay 3 years.

Wasi - if he [illegible] will forfeit his S.B money, & will also have to forfeit cost of return journey, Wasi ticket £9.35 Steamboat ticket 2.50 total £12.35 out of the £25 sent - as his name opened for him to stay 3 years.

The balance of Wasi money I have already sent to Mr Rowsell.

I shall wait to hear from you in reply to this before I send Wasi home - I think it is exceedingly foolish of the parents to take their children away - all the boys have made good progress at school & left on credit of their trades - But I will have their names with them - & if they have to pay back & have their children home instead of letting them stay the 3 years they can do so -

Yours faithfully
[illegible]

Samuel Ware

To Credit a Savings Bank - by money
received as Mason Master - besides
what was paid him ... $6.25

Boys' Labor

To cash from home Nov 8/86 ... 6.00

By cash drawn Nov 15 1.00
" 22 1.50
Dec 31 1.
Feb 14/87 1.
Bill .50
May 7 cash 1. ... 6.00

To cash from home - May 2/87 ... 9.00

By cash drawn May 16 2.
June 27 3.
" order paid David Jul 11 1.
" paid Hunter - 2.
" cash Aug 10 1. ... 9.00

John Shuster

To Credit Savings Bank - work done for Sch ... 5.09

Boys' Labor

To cash from home. Nov. 8/86 ... 15.00

By cash drawn Nov 15 3.00
22 2.
29 2
Dec. 31 2.50
Feb 14/87 1.
" collection - Apl 11. .50
" 18 - 4. ... 15.00

To cash from home - May 16/86. ... 10.
Savings Bank a/c - transferred ... 5.09
Rent by Ware (as above) ... 2.
17.09

By cash drawn - June 4 3.00
Ticket steamboat 2.50
" paid Shaw July 11 11.50 ... 17.09

Grayamani

To carriage in Lucija Bank as Capitain
hereafter what reached a mile limit cash — ₹ 4 - 25
By order on Mr Rowell for Capitain Cook — 4 - 25

Boys ledger — 20 - 00

To cash from home Nov: 17 /86 ——
By cash drawn Nov 22 — 4 - 00
" " " 29 — 2
" " Dec 31 — 2 -
" Table — Jany 1/87 — - 50
" cash " 14 1 -
" " March 14 — 2
" " April 11 — 8 - 50 20 - 00

To cash from home May 16 /87. 10 -
" " June 27 " 13 -
23 - 00
By cash drawn — May 16 — 3 - 00
" 30 — 1
2 - 50
ticket Steamboat —
" cash paid him July 11 — 16 - 50 28 - 00

4) Joseph Bear

To carriage in Lucija Bank, hereafter
cash — as Blacksmith —— ₹ 4 - 25

Boys ledger — 15 - 00

To cash from home — Nov: 8th /86 ——
By cash drawn — Nov: 15 — 1 - 00
22 — 1 - 50
29 — 2 -
Dec 31 — 2 - 50
March 14 /87 1 -
April 11 7 - 15 - 00

To cash from home — June 27 — 20 - 00

By ret. ticket Steamboat — 5 - 00
" credit Mr Rowell to pay
for his train ticket returning 9 - 85 14 - 85
" cash paid him July 11 — 5 - 15

…so gradually increased, …

…In this spring of 1885 I …
…Chief Buckwoojenene. The
…rebellion in the North West under Louis Riel was at its
…with Chief Buckwoojenene, If he
…come out on the warpath I will go & visit him with
…in the North West & see for myself what kind
…is & what can be done for the benefit of their
…welfare."

August 1885 found me in the
…of Regina. 400 miles West of Winnipeg
…about among the Wild Indians. We had taken part
…the Rebellion. In 1886 I paid a visit
…Reserve & Agency of Piapot's Band
…this spring (1887) I went again, — travelled
…miles West of the Rocky Mountains — & brought
…with Blackfoot boys, the first two of that tribe
…ever to be educated away East. At the Close of Term
…visit to the North West I found (as I knew it
…but Oh! not my little ones) it was time
…the Indians by the Contract, that the Indians are
…to be educated & trained for

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or else are still pagans. The Bishops of Huron now wide straggling dioceses seem to have enough to do to provide ministers & churches for the White settlers, & there is also a jealousy among those White settlers in regard to the Indians & Wherever Indian work is done seems to be undertaken by the Church Missionary Society, the work of Connn is by Christ & Christ Church & Society expends a very small sum on the education of Indians. Your committee will remember that it was an attempt to establish an Institution for Indian children at Garden River that led to my separation from the C.M.S. in 1852. The Comte of Not Society not considering that the work of God to do came within its sphere.

Now I am satisfied, after long experience, & the Bishop of Algoma is satisfied, & those who have witnessed the progress of our work are satisfied, that the course we have taken is the right one, & that the one thing needed to reclaim these poor Indians from their present degraded life, & to settle their children Whites & train them in Christian & civilized habits. But the question is — Who is to do it? Shall it be done by Protestants or by Romanists? There are 100,000 Indians in the Dominion of Canada as shown by the Indian Department Report. Of these 60,000 [illegible] brought under Romish & French influence [illegible]

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a menace to the quietude & safety of the Protestant English Country — a Bill in effect be made White Men in fact train & bring them up especially their Children — under the influence of Protestant teaching?

You see now & what I have stated what the work before me is — You see what the work is that I am desiring to do & which I humbly trust the Indians Almighty God is calling me to do. While visiting the Blackfoot Indians — boys in number — & all Heathen — this Spring — I was surprised to pick up a little Blackfoot School book published by the Indian Department at Ottawa partly in Blackfoot & partly in the English Language — & I found in it the 10 commandments reduced to nine, the 2d Command entirely left out. What right has the Indian Department to expend public money in publishing a Roman Catholic book to be used in public schools by Roman Catholics & Protestants alike among the Indians? This book was shown me by a C.M.S. Missionary who had been sent this by the Indian Dept for his use in his School. The fact is the Roman Catholics seem already to have gained a complete hold over the Indian Dept at Ottawa & to govern things as regards the Indians just as they please. Just within the last 7 years, the Indian Department has expended $25000 in building an Institution for Indian Children near the Blackfoot* Reserve & placed it in charge of the Roman Catholics, & they have

* Note — But no Blackfoot Children [illegible] Education. Only a few Half-breeds.

paid on the contract price of $20.000 for the Old Fort
in the Dist. of Assiniboia replaced it in charge of the R. Catholics
and are about to build a school for Indian girls in the same
settlement we have 4 men in the mens. Also in Manitoba
Province, 50 miles from us, the Government has given the Roman
Catholics $24000 towards rebuilding an Institution which was
burned. Now why is the Government thus lavishing
grants on Roman Catholic Institutions among the Indians
while appropriating increased aid towards our Protestant
Institutions? I believe it is simply because Protestants
are so apathetic; — simply because Protestants really do not
care whether the Indians are taught the bible or taught superstition.
I believe it is the duty of the Government both — unless
we are first ready to show — ourselves to prove that we are
using the means in our work among the Indians we are desiring
to help. It seems to me that I stand almost alone in
the matter, and I scarcely dare now urge it upon
the attention of the Government unless it be with the
hope of which I pray it be soon be.

3) I do not consider myself thoroughly acquainted with the question
in all its phases. I only in the Spring made a trip into the
States to see what was being done there towards the education
& training of young Indians. In the Institutions they have
established for Indians, just outside the reservations that were taken

in Canada. And that are doing for the children of
these 250.000 Indians. They have 32 large Institutions
(mainly all Protestant) & 10.000 Indian children are
receiving education & training within them. In Canada,
R Catholic & Protestant Institutions just opposite, we are only
training 400 young Indians, while in the States they are training
10.000. I visited 3 of these large Institutions myself,
& was delighted with all I saw. At the Carlisle Institute
in Pennsylvania there were 600 pupils - taken from 40
different tribes - many of them coming from 1500 & 2000
miles - all in uniform - & all well cared for & trained,
& knew & love the Saviour. It was an inspiring sight
to see these 600 young souls assembled in their chapel
bright assembly room for evening prayer - & I hoped that
we might do something of the same kind in Canada.
This one Institution alone costs $90.000 a year to support
& of that amount $80.000 is paid by the United States
Government & $10.000 raised by subscription. Now
if we could induce a few good people who have the
means to take up this work - & take the land in it -
(here in Canada)
We want another William Penn. We want a
Bishop Whipple in Canada - someone with influence
who will stand up for the cause of these poor down trodden
Indians. Now I have a piece of land (prepared) for
some Institution coming from them - I will give
that piece to any Institution that will take it
& put it to the purpose of training our Indian children upon

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it may be the means of rousing people to see the value of your great work & to support you more warmly and liberally than before. The prospects of the C.M.S. I believe has been largely due to the activity & zeal & devotedness in new fields when we felt that God was calling us — I believe the only way to divert Government money from the Roman Church & to bring it to ourselves for building up the Indian work is to at once make a determined resolute beginning so as to compel their respect & oblige them in common fairness to aid us.

2. But you will say — What is it you have been asking of the Government & what has Government refused you?

My scheme was as follows:- To establish & to the Central Protestant Institution for 300 Indian children on the site of our present Home here at Sault St. Marie; and to establish 3 Branch Homes or Missions, one at Rat Portage in Manitoba, one at Battle River in Alberta (near the Rocky Mountains) and one near Simcoe in Ontario. For building the Central Institution I should require about £4000, & for each of the Branch Homes about £2000. Towards these sums I received personally from the Hon. Mr. Macdonell (Min. of the Interior) £1000 as well as Promises to the amount of £1000, but it came to a

I am waiting a long time – I received this morning communication from Ottawa that the Department can only recommend either an increased grant towards the maintenance of our present Homes or Penitentiary for Indians and establishing Branch Homes.

Thus, in the month of August 1887, instead of enlarging our present buildings as we had hoped to do & establishing Branch Homes – we find ourselves at a complete stand still. Indeed our funds are so low, – having overstepped our resources in the expectation of Government aid – that we have threatened – I have had it – assistant Superintendent – & to reduce the number of our pupils.

Just we have been in straits like this before – And I am not disheartened. I believe that God is calling me to a greater & more important work than any I have hitherto attempted, – & I think that God is preparing the way in His own manner for it –

I leave this I think out before you now the whole subject, & I trust your Committee will give it your earnest & prayerful consideration – & that you may see your way to entertain the proposal contained in my last Letter – viz to take up the Indian work in Canada as a Special object & establish a Special fund for carrying it on –

I remain dear Sirs –

Yours very faithfully

Edward F. Wilson

Aug 3 1852

My dear Lord-

I am sorry Bertie Davis & combine pleasure & usefulness - in rid'ing round Kent up your back board - if you will kindly direct him what to do.

Will you kindly look through the enclosed letter & the CCCS - I dare say you will be too busy to read it all - but the P.S & last page shew what it is about - & if you approve of the scheme - will you scratch just a few commendatory lines which I may send with it - Indeed I am think I ought all the Bishops to back the matter if they will. I fear you dear will be in no mood to look entirely with Edward Lewis again instead of writing a letter on Indecency affair as I hope will command shortly.

Mr Jacobs wrote me last night that he had mailed the Conference papers. Could you let me have them soon - as a blank Bishops on the part of them before I see.

The Brisbane Gilbert will call for your reply in ½ an hour

Yours sincerely

S. H. Wilson

Aug 30 1837

Wm. McKelvey Esq:

Dear Sir

I have sent David Meinemin Captain of our school ship back to Sarnia & Walpole Island Children -

To Walpole pupils are 10 boys 5 girls.

names - Jos. Losey - Wm Losey - Smart A. - Wilson Ka.. A. Sahguj - Wm Riley - Ch. Naudee - Amos S. - Charles J. John Solomon -

Nancy W. Jane W. Nancy H. Fanny J. Gracie J.

I did not get the Moses yet for Nancy Henry. Jane said I think it will be sent in 2 weeks.

Yours &c

J. F. Wilson

Mr. Johnson can also come up if he wishes.

Parents must supply food to the children on the way up.

David Ozhawa is trustee of Port Hope for 1 more year. If difficulty about town exp. let me know.

Aug 30 7

R. English Esq.
Dear Sir

I am sorry David Minnicum
- Captain of our School - to bring up the Walpole & Sarnia Children

The Sarnia pupils are Willie Adams, Leslie Rodd, John Pedaltey, Mary Peters, & Lizzie Jacks from Moravian Town. - 5 boys - 2 girls.

When Isaac & Wesley Jackson ought to have returned to us & first boat in Spring. As they failed to do so I cannot now take them - & their parents must pay the account for all they already charged.

Yours truly
S. H. Wilson

May 31st 7

Dear Sir B. Bruce

Dr Sir

I enclose you checks for $59.20 & $53.35 to cover Bertin' & David accts.

I am very glad that Bertin passed his exam for the militia, so satisfactorily. It certainly does you school credit for him to have passed & taken such high places.

I suppose it will be 3 years now before I shall trouble you with any more of my boys. At the end of that time if we live - I hope you will be able to let me have a more business one - for Llewelyn & Norman.

Yrs truly
E. H. Wilcox

I expect David Bretton from for one more year.

Aug 30th 7

R. H. Buchanan Esq.
Dear Sir

Your letter of the 25th inst has crossed mine. I think we had better say big 10 boys. But if you still advise the 20 boys & can provide for them & can get us cheap rate for them & the C.P.R. from Alpena Mills & Montreal - let me hear at once - & I will prepare them & bring them on. There is no hurry & there - I am no arrangements as yet about Ottawa but will write at once & see what can be done. As I told you in my last - I have applied to Mr. Spencer for a pass for 10 boys myself. but I dare you can do better than I can - do please make personal application -

Yours sincerely
T. L. Wilson

I am sending you photo of my 2 Blackpool boys. - shall I bring them ?

Aug 30 7

Rev. H. Pollard

Dear Sir

I am not definite
yet but take a number of my Indian pupils
to Montreal for the great Sacred School demonstration
Oct 8. It will be a fine trip all the
distance & not take much time. Will you just
now consider the Deed & see what you can do
for us. Mr. Bell has a meeting in Montreal
(French) on Oct 3rd. - & could come to Ottawa
for (French) on - & our Society here and Hymn
Will. Could you arrange for a big public meeting
that on. Work of the ladies & the Sabbath Clergy &
Sabbath Schools. It will be a great expense
& I do not see how we are to meet the whole.
Can you arrange to let the pupils board at? If, as
I do, it is Montreal. I am not sure of getting
more than 10, 20, or 30 pupils. Our meeting
here a week from Monday last may be best.

Yours sincerely
E. A. Watson

Aug 30 7

My dear Dr. Irvine

How would it suit you – if you don't go to Elkton – & take Jordan River this winter? Dr Grandi is leaving Oct 1st & it will then be vacant.

The Bishop asks me to write & suggest it to you – Salary $300 as Clergyman & $300 to teach the School.

I am just off on the Steam yacht 100 miles to Algoma Mills – & pick up pupils. I am taking Gilbert & Sharpe with me & they are very pleased to go. Cromarty started off on his own account for a little expedition out amongst the Bays – for 3 days – on Steamboat – & paid for his $5.

Gilbert has had an attack of Canadian Cholera but is now well again.

The salary for P.R. is small but I wd take it & live with you as neighbor for the winter – I wd buy & sell the Bishop's old nag – $100

Yrs sincerely
S. H. Wilson

I go to England in April – you might take my place then for a few months.

Sept 5th 7

R. H. Buchanan Esq.
Dear Sir

I got your letter at noon today & have been busy ever since trying to make arrangt for the Montreal trip -

Difficulty No 1 - is this - There is only one train a week each way from Algoma Mills to Montreal - Happily it hits us for our overland.

Train leaves Alg. Mills 3 a.m. Friday; arr. Montreal 9 a.m. Saturday.
To return - Leaves Montreal 9 a.m. Tuesday; arr. Alg. Mills 10 pm Wednesday

This arrangt includes our visit to Ottawa - unless we stay over a week.

Query - If we come so far - would it not be best to stay a week Toronto?

Query No 2 - Could our time be filled up whilst the following Events - Say a general meeting in Montreal on Monday -
One of the Schools shows of a day or two - Tuesday -
Some of the Schools Wednesday - Thursday go on to Ottawa - visit Parliament Buildings &c - Friday meeting in Ottawa - start after School sitting - Saturday - all the Schools - Monday Carleton Place.

[illegible] arrangts for us - We [illegible] letter & [illegible]

[illegible] so much difficult for me to arrange here [illegible] communicate by wire to Wemyss Quadrey at Ottawa [illegible] time to make all arrangements for meeting [illegible] boarding &c.

I think it must be either the one of the two. Either we must come past to Montreal for Saturday Lunch & work [illegible] straight back – & then we must fall out a week as above proposed.

I think the best way is to leave it entirely in your hands. If it is too much for you to undertake – it will be best to stop over with me at Montreal.

The Bell's act will I believe bring us from Sault to Sudbury 96 miles & take us back.

I must depend on you to arrange with the C.P.R. for [illegible] from Ottawa to Sault & Return stock if possible – otherwise I will allow us at Ottawa & Carleton Place. (I have at hand from Mr. Spencer – will tell you what he says as soon as I hear.)

I have selected as your report 30 pupils – namely 20 boys & 10 girls.

The list of names &c – together with programme and Rules – do not you come if you desire send it to Ottawa & Carleton Place.

I have no personal objection to addressing a Presbyterian [illegible] Sabbath or Sunday School – if they prefer desirable – but cannot myself think it advisable.

Yours sincerely

A. Wilson

I shall try also to bring specimens of pupils' work.

I would like Edna with me my daughter Winnie - aged 14 - She is a Capital Manager would look after the Girls - Could she be included in the Special rates ?

Yes * put the C.P.R. to you as Special emigrant care - Through from Algoma Mills & Montreal. we would like to do all we happily can for the journey in life us.

Sept 27

[illegible] about 5 min.

10 Boys work in the Garden singing

3 [illegible] by Johnny Mc Gregor of Manitoulin Island 7 min.

4 Tableau No 2. 10 Boys at Chore work singing

5 [illegible] of Angels by 10 Girls with Lyres of Gold

6 Recitation of Galway Lyrmas. 8 min.

Piece by David Morrison of Parry Island. 7 min.

8 Tableau No 3 10 Girls at work singing. 8 min.

School Song at the Black board. ½ hour

9 Address by myself (a Story of Our work), & Short Questions

Sacred Music by the Children

God Save the Queen. (about 2½ hours)

List of Pupils who are Old Boys.

1 Riley age 15 - Ojibway - Carpenter - from Walpole Island

2 Algonquin 18 - Blackfoot " " Rocky Mountains

3 [illegible] 16 - " Boot maker " " "

4 [illegible] 19 Ojibway - Blacksmith " N. West

5 Davis 17 Saulteaux Harness maker " "

6 [illegible] 14 Ojibway - Cabinet Maker " N. Shore L. Huron

[illegible] 13 " Tailor " Cape Croker

[illegible] " " Shoe Maker " Manitoulin Is.

[illegible] " " " " Parry Island

[illegible] " " " " [illegible]

2d Section

1	Joseph	age	14	Potawatami	Grand Walpole I.
2	Sharpe	"	13	Ojibway	" N. West
3	Odikahoos	"	13	Ojibway	" N. Shore L. Huron
4	Sahguj	"	15	Ojibway	" Walpole I
5	Matthew	"	16	Ottawa	" Manitoulin I.
6	Amos	"	12	Ojibway	" Walpole I.
	Peebaw	"	10	Ojibway	" N. Shore L. Huron
8	Elijah	"	9	Sioux	" N. West
9	Cromarty	"	12	Ojibway	" N. West
10	Frank	"	10	Ottawa	" Manitoulin

3d Section

1	Mary	age	15	Ojibway	Sarnia
2	Maria	"	16	"	Cape Croker
3	Philamine	"	14	Ottawa	Manitoulin I.
4	Nancy	"	15	Ojibway	Walpole I.
5	Harriet	"	15	"	N. Shore L. Huron
6	Sophy	"	11	"	"
7	Jacie	"	10	Potawatamis	Walpole I.
8	Dora	"	10	Delaware	Moravian Town
9	Lily	"	10	"	"
10	Mary Jane	"	9	Ojibway	Cape Croker

Dec 9 7

A. A. Davis Esq.
Dear Sir

You may thanks for your kind letter & cheque of $75 in aid of our hospital. There is a news boy here a very nice intelligent little fellow aged 12 named William Pacey. If I could send him down to attend the concert & speak for the hospital. Our bank here is the Central Bank of Canada.

I may say that the $500 bequeathed by the late Mr Jeffries was paid over to the trustees of our hospital - a list of which I enclose.

At Judge McDougall's suggestion I enclosed a packet of my Photos to Messrs Keys, McCaul & Langmuir for distribution among their clients.

Could you kindly send me a list of names and addresses to whom I might send copies of circular. I can send Photos of my pupils & Mr Lund's Scotch demonstration Coh 10th as you suggested.

Yours truly
H. Wilson

Archer McDonald

Dear Sir

[illegible] thanks for notifying me
receipt of $20 for [illegible]

You will be glad I am able to state that
a pension of $2500 from the Ind. Dept. [illegible]
in favor of Wm. A. Wilson, Marion Co. Ind. at $50 a
year towards support of his family. This has
been owing I believe to the influence of Mr.
Caswell, to whom I am indebted $1000.
I hear also the Christians are to have an Indian
[illegible] somewhere near Peoria.
[illegible] agitate the question & [illegible]
by any or a conference [illegible] the Indians & the people
under Capt. Pattison [illegible] And I want all my [illegible]
[illegible] I suppose you [illegible] hear [illegible] I should do good if well started. [illegible]

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Sept 6th 7

Dear Br Rosswell

The news contained in your letter of the 28th ult. just received is very encouraging. I hope the Bishop will decide on his return. I shall wait to hear from him before writing again.

I think it would be well to make use of it in any way all Protestant Institutions for Indian children could be affiliated with our common home. There already a Church of England Institution at Battleford [illegible] I understand are there or at Long Lake. When does the Bishop propose to put his second [illegible]? It would be better I think to consolidate [illegible] of the Children.

I shall leave it to you to build to some extent on the original plan — or in anticipation of permanent plant to put up a large building. I would incline to think it would be better to keep on as we have We must provide for a couple of additional [illegible] build with the first money of ours as [illegible] for boys from pupils.

Ben might then [illegible] Sept 1st. I suppose he will not come back. Could you [illegible] Indians Report or [illegible]

[illegible] with Bishop 30 Jan pupils to Montreal Oct 15th

I would allow me all the time possible for
my own studies. I would extend the
hours of recreation, but not so much as
to encroach upon the hours of study.

L 1-6

[redacted] Esqr.

Dear Sir

Will you kindly look
out the Report of our Relief Work which
I sent you by the [redacted] and
let me have it at the earliest date. Also
write to the Indian Agent at Pierre for
a Return of Public Buildings [redacted]
Protestant.

Could you distribute some of the Relief
Statements among friends. If I send you a
Packet - or will you furnish me with a list
address.

[redacted] am to

Yours truly

Fred K. Nixon

Le. to 7c

Dear Sir

I beg to endorse our views in regard to the [illegible] Protestant children. We have made [illegible] Roman Catholic [illegible] and we [illegible] the return of such pupils back [illegible] to [illegible] or do [illegible] to do.

Not after they [illegible] some little time has leaked out that they had been pupils of [illegible] School, & if [illegible] will [illegible] them [illegible] away. I am a large [illegible] of education and I regard your [illegible] as [illegible] more than it used to be.

As you ask for my opinion I may mention that our plan is for the parent to enter an agreement for pupil to remain 5 years. And if child does not remain out [illegible] Schools we strike name off - & charge parents with cost of substitution & [illegible] taken away. The Department [illegible] to this claim - but has a right to object. [illegible] to [illegible] Schools always a Protestant child [illegible] take out of [illegible] value.

(Yours sincerely)
Edward [illegible]

Dec 7th 7

Dear Mr Innis -

We are expecting Miss Brown & Harriet to dine this evening - & I shall try & drive her out to Drawandrath tomorrow morning before the post leaves - but to time will be my Christ. I am sending by her a pair of shoes for Stuart's mother - he did all the sewing & pegging himself & I think is very proud of it. I read your letter to the two boys & they quite understood it - I will (as I told them not to) cut their hair - as I don't know how they'll. They are both as sound as bells & [illegible] them off. I must have heard from Sir Vincent Baring & am not without hope that will settle it. They are quite well now - all the boys are coming back after holidays & school began again. I took them for a 4 days trip on the Firth [illegible] two miles - [illegible] with Dugald & they enjoyed themselves.

Yrs sincerely
D. K. Wilson

Sept 8th 7

Rev. John Macdougall
Dear Sir

I have just seen Miss Brown who
goes to the Rev. Mr. Lewis to start a little school among
Blood Indians. I hope you will make her
acquaintance & do what you can to help her in her work.

I wrote you several weeks ago about the "Indian
Canadian" — the letter being addressed Morley - Alta - and
has come back to me "dead". I don't know
if your address can be just Morley, Alta -
I hope this will reach you.

I am afraid for the present to attempt the "Indian
Canadian" as a 16 page magazine — on account of the
expense & the risk of failure.

It seems to me best for the present to issue a little one
called "Our Forest Children" — but I am going to enlarge
it a little and improve it.

I propose also to issue a Christmas number of "Our
Forest Children" — 16 pages — illustrated — as attractive as
possible — & to advertise it widely throughout
Canada. This Christmas number to contain an account
of the Protestant Indian Missions in Canada — with Methods

[illegible] Board of Education. Now will you
kindly write me how as speedily as an account of
[illegible] may be [illegible] Institution - and
[illegible] to Foster and
kindly let me hear from as soon as possible as it will be
necessary [illegible] this Christmas vacation
very time is very limited. An original letter
or two by your Children would also be acceptable.
Possible thanks my dear Sir for your
kindly prompt & interested

Yours sincerely
T. L. Wilson

to each Post Office - send him a list of names to erase & a list of new names to add - how would it do? Would it work?

Then once in a While - say once a year - we could send out reminders to Agents in arrear of their subscriptions - I think the best way for this - would be to send the reminders say in May or October when the next issue are coming - & as the issues send me a whole issue by express & I would mail from here & mark in blue pencil on each its amount due. Would this do - or can you suggest a better plan.

If you can see your way to undertake the publication of the Adv. M. here as above proposed - let me have your detailed estimate of cost for printing & mailing as soon as possible. I am sending you a sample copy of the paper in case you have not got one.

- "Our Forest Children" - This is a little paper of 4 pages which I am publishing monthly in the interest of my Indian Home. I think I told you about it when I wrote about the "Indian Canadian". If you undertake the Adv. I think you had better undertake the O.F.C. also. I sent it better for us both than I have been.

My idea is to call the "Indian Canadian" to be

suggest about this? Would it be inconvenient for you to print B&K papers at the same time? Would it be better to have the address list with distinct or to have one address list with two columns - & mark one column A.M.N. against all A.M.N. subscribers & O.K.C. against O.K.C. subscribers - & to have A.M.N. & O.K.C. papers? Do take B&K? I have had no experience in these things beyond one or two. Perhaps you could suggest how this work should be done.

If you undertake the O.K.C. I want you to estimate also for the 4 page part of the paper which is issued every month. You to be responsible for correcting proofs - & for the mailing. Also you to estimate for printing the O.K.C.

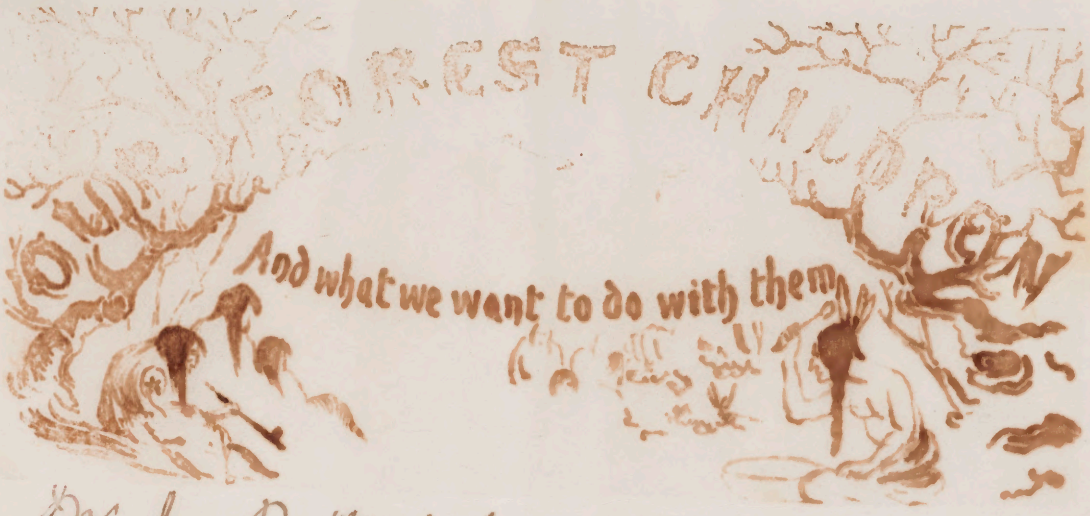
Lastly also I know at what date you would require copy in order to issue either or both of these papers so as to reach Canadian subscribers by the first of each month.

Now as to postage - there we may profit. I would like to hear from the O.I. Post Office as would them be any profit there.

Lastly - would it be for little local items from Ruskin & elsewhere that could be sent direct to the editor without coming thro' my hands.

Yrs sincerely
J. C. Wilcox

At present we are receiving [illegible] O.K.C.



Wm. Jno Rutter Esq
Dr Sir

After visit to you yesterday I designed & drew the enclosed heads for "our Forest Children" — also (1) Morning ablution (2) a night visit a la (3) a visit to Pisgah (4) Chief "Old Sun". Then are all to come in the Christmas Number of "our Forest children". I believe also some ladies in Toronto - intend having some Nos of my Sketches in frames - in which case we may get the use of the cuts.

Please put the Lon. Engrg Co to get them all done at once — either engraved or by the Photographic process as you think best. We might use the heads for Xmas No of 1873 if ready in time.

What has become of the medal? — If has not yet got back to me.

Yrs faithfully
F. Wilson

Sent us proofs of all the cuts
Have you got them.

Dr. Sir

Sir

Will you please send a cheque for $71.60 to S. A. Taylor, London, Ont. & put it into enclosed envelope.

Accept the enclosed P. O. Order for $76.70 & send me the balance $5.10.

Yrs truly

S. H. Wilson

Sept 9th 7

Prof S. A. Taylor Esq

Sir

I enclose you a cheque for the sum of $90.35 to meet the note due Sept 13th.

Yrs truly

S. H. Wilson

Enclosed R. Privé cheque 71.60
W. H. Lestis " 18.75
90.35

Sept 70 7

(Lt. A. Jarvis

Dear Sir

I am arrang[ing] [for] the 20 [men] to go up & will [pick] [them] [up] [at] [the] [Land] [Office] [on] [the] [Ottawa] [side] [of] [Montreal] (C. [illegible]

Capt Pittelbeig only [can] [obtain] a week [from] Montreal to Ely[sian] Mills (Sherbrooke Town) - I [will] [write] [him] [to] [come] [back] on Tuesday morn[ing] [after] [having] a week [in] Montreal Ready [illegible] [for] 3rd or else (if I visit Ottawa must fill up [another] week.

R. H. Buchanan, 65 Craig St. Montreal, is ready to arrange & can [arrive] here [before] [Sat] or Monday [when] [I] [will] [pay] 3rd [over] : Bartlett 5th [for] Ottawa - meets him 6th & 7th [Saturday] [and] [Sunday] & come to Carleton Place for one week Monday [illegible] [for] [Saturday] [then] [meet] Tuesday for home. This will involve [the] [hire] of a [boat] must [have] [one] [with] [a] [tent] - [arrange] [to] [have] [this] accommodation. Do you think you could manage it? If so, please [write] [to] [Capt] [Pittelbeig] [to] make all [necessary] arrang[ements] with Mr. Buchanan - the letter [will] [be] so long & [need] [not] [be] [sent] [if] [it] is [impossible] [for] [me] [to] [be] [with] [you] - [Should] [he] [prefer] [to] [come] [with] [you] [from] [Ottawa] [I] [will] [pay] [you] [on] [the] [Saturday] of [the] [week] [you] [are] [with] [me]

Yours [sincerely] [illegible]

Sept 18th 7

Rev. J. J. Bogert

Dear Sir

I have already written to Mr. Pollard [illegible] to visit Montreal with [illegible] to Jubilee Democratic Act. M. that I would like if possible to take in Ottawa as well. If we take Ottawa - we shall come within I think Redmond's 5th - & would like to get our "tour" put off until the following Month - & during that interim would attend as many meetings [illegible] as could be arranged. The only difficulty I suppose would be the accommodation - In Montreal they are going to [illegible] all I believe at private [illegible] houses - I am too far off here - would you be so kind as to make me definite [illegible] & let me know - as soon as Mr. Pollard & the Rev. Clergy think desirable. Thanking you - with [illegible] remembrances to Mrs. J. J. Bogert, I am Dear Sir Yours [illegible] to make arrangements for us in

Sept 12th 7

Mr R. Coulter
Dear Sir

I have considered your suggestion made to me this morning in regard to clerks after the boys-

If you will undertake to be in the school room punctually at 6.30 a.m. each morning, call the roll, & do all the duties required of asst Superintendent & again in the evening see that all required work is properly finished, tools put away &c - & will attend to the wood & water supply - garden & cleaning work &c - keeping the boys at their work & report them to me if they do not behave - I will allow you $7 extra pay for one month - Sept 19th to Oct 19.

When I offered Baker $9 60 for the month there was a list of other duties connected with the Clerkship, tasks &c - which I do not ask you to attend to.

I cannot make you any offer beyond the one month as it must depend on getting a young man whom I am in correspondence with at present from home.

Yours truly
S. F. Wilson

Sept 12th 9

To the Manager Central Bank
Sir

Please pay as follows -

P. Order	(Lewis)	75 - 00
"	(Lewis)	18 - 75
"	(Own St)	16 - 30
"	(Post Dom)	4 -
		114 - 05
"	English - £1 - 6 - 0	
Cheque	" 1 -	
	£2 - 6 - 0	

Write Rich then credit my acct
will call for book tomorrow -

Yrs truly

S. H. Wilson

For Algoma & Dominion Churchman

I have just read a letter signed "Algoma" in your last issue touching the work at our Indian Homes. I thank him for his kind words in regard to my poor efforts. I would like myself in public print to express a desire that such a Council as I understand he describes should be appointed, I have stated that in private letters & in printed circulars but the burden is too great for me. & that I would like especially to have a Diocese in Canada to receive our funds as it is done for the Dioceses. But I maintain as I have maintained before that these Homes were brought into operation before there was any Diocese of Algoma, that I am not intended solely for the benefit of Algoma Indians, but we have always from the first taken pupils from outside the diocese, & of late years I have drawn them from very distances in the North West. I consider that no Board or Committee has a right to take the work out of my hands & change it from its original purpose. My aim & object is to establish a large central Protestant

[illegible] 300
[illegible] Indian children - drawn from all parts - here at
[illegible] St Mo in + 3 or 4 Branch or Receiving Homes
[illegible] distant points. If a committee can
be found who will back me in this work - a committee
[illegible] who have faith in the work + believe in its capabilities
[illegible] I will gladly have them to co operate with me.
[illegible] the Church of England will take this work up + do
it in the strong + liberal manner that I want to have
done - then the Home will remain as I have been
[illegible] there of England. But I doubt it for
[illegible] 10 men Native lay + clerical can be
found in this Country, who believe in the Indian + in his
capability of becoming a self sustaining prosperous civilized
+ enlightened people who are ready to help the Indians as
far as I am kept at arms length, so long as I am confined
to the Reserves, I will give them blankets + cast off clothes
+ beads + tobacco, - but this sort of thing do far from
helping me simply undoes my work + I want no beads +
tobacco + blankets for Indians. I want kind sympathy
+ patient dealing + a 'lend a hand' to help them up to a
higher + better position in every way than by at present
occupy. And as to the Church of England doing it -
I must confess I have little faith in Church of England literally.
We are a grand old Church with a grand line of Bishops
dating back from St Peter + a grand old Liturgy which we
all love - + yet with all our grandness + all our
[illegible] these new mushroom churches + societies are
[illegible] us out - + leaving us behind in the race -
[illegible] Church of England will rise to the emergency + give
down a few thousand dollars - now - before it is too late -

before [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] — they [illegible] [illegible] the greater mass of them
[illegible] as ours — & the few that remain become
[illegible] or Presbyterians — then I will accept it, & gladly work with a Committee or Board of Managers — & gladly hand over my books (deficit & all) to a Treasurer who may be found to relieve me of the burden & responsibility. But if not — if the Church of England will not do the work — if 10 men cannot be found who believe in the Indians — then leave me to myself — I would rather work on alone with all the odds against me, than have associated with me those who regard the Indians as paupers incapable of improvement & to be kept always at arms' length.

Yrs &c
Edward F. Wilson

Sept 12/87

P.S. Our Branch Home at Elkhorn, Manitoba, is now being built, and we have at length some prospect of [illegible] from Government.
I am going to take 30 of our pupils to attend the [illegible] Celebration in Montreal Oct 1st if I can manage it.

Sept 12th 9

Dr. L. Lukes —

Oblige & send me 30 lbs
of flour — of same quality as you supplied
me before — I shall be away
from home till 15th Oct. — will send
for them as soon as I get home

Yrs truly
C. L. Wilson

Send me word at once that you are shipping
the order bill —

Left 12th 7

[illegible] 6th

[illegible] crowd two of mine.

[illegible] 30 child[illegible]

Rates of Board - [illegible]

Cyrus Taylor - 7 big boys - 5 big girls = 12 @ 12.50 per day [illegible]

" 5 girls @ 6.75 — 74-25

7 boys at $10 — 70-

2 " " " $15 a day [illegible] 30-

1 " " " (Rob 5 ($5 10 days) 10-

4 " " " return joining — 40-

" " " [illegible] — 20-75

$434-00

Of course I would put any more accounts to me for Montreal Ottawa & Carleton place against this. But I doubt if they would make any $ like that amt. And this is talk for parents [illegible] will be board free in Ottawa & Carleton as well as in Montreal.

How will it be to apply to the G.T.R.

[illegible] Nichols) The railway journey from Sarnia to Montreal - is no [illegible] from Algoma Mills to Montreal - [illegible] one knows what [illegible] cost of steamboat from Sault to Sarnia & back - $4.50 [illegible] yourself always.

Yrs sincerely

S. H. Wilson

We shall want the following articles for our labourers on the moorland farm - I enquire there will be no great difficulty in getting loan of them -

a real or imitation of - Carpenters bench with screw.
An anvil & blacksmiths hammer & tongs.
A small square table 3 x 4 feet long.
A kneading trough with lid & some dough.
2 or 3 chairs.
A tool makers seat & pair of clamps.
A saw horse & some wood (long) - & a few odd pieces heavy.
A X cut-saw
an axe
A pail & some potatoes
A spade
A broom.
2 small kits & bunch for dibbs.
2 small boards
A small tray & tea set for child heavy.
A sewing machine.
A clothes basket.

Can a couple of square black boards on castors be had - or must we buy them?

Sault & Montreal

The Lake Region

Dear Sir

I have been invited to take 30 of my Indian pupils to attend the Industrial School Demonstration ~~in Montreal~~ which is to take place in the Island Cotton Co. Some 12000 Sunday School Children are to take part in the Procession; and a Grand Display is to take place on the Mountain such as we had here in the Spring in Dawson's Field. We are undecided yet whether to go by Algoma C.P.R. or by Sarnia & the Grand Trunk. It will depend on which line will grant us the lowest rates. Either way I fear the trip is going to cost us upwards of $400 and I don't know where the money is to come from. Still I feel it to be of such importance to accept the invitation & let the Montreal & Ottawa people see our Indian pupils & judge for themselves of our work that I am determined to go. Some ~~funds~~ our coats for our boys & gear would be very acceptable & if any of our friends in the Sault are disposed to offer a little help towards the travelling expenses I shall be very thankful

Yours &c S. H. Wilson

Shingwauk Home. Sept 13.

Sept 13th 7

Dr. Asa Wassaume

Dear Sir

I am sorry that you missed David - We started rather early as he had to go to Sarnia for me - & put the Sarnia & Walpole the Children.

Jane Pandem has his ticket for the boat from Collingwood to the Sault. So you can send him at once if you think he can travel alone.

If you dont like to send him alone - you can keep him at home till next Spring & send him up with up with Alexander Assiniee.

Yrs truly

S. K. Wilson

Sept 13th 7
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The Supt. Ind. Affairs

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that pupils belonging to the Institution should not leave the Institution

I wish to inform you that Louis Kejkejud aged 14 of Lesser Swan River Reserve, Mr Phipps Superintendency, is failed to return to his after vacation - that his parents will have sent him or are about to send him to Whitewater Institution on Manitoulin Island.

Louis Kejkejud is bound to us by agreement until August 1890.

The value of Institution clothes taken away - for which we will charge his parents if he does not return is $6.50.

If not back within one month from this date we will refuse to take the boy - that we

[illegible] it any Ind. School -

I have the honor to be Sir
Your obt servant -
D. L. Wilson

Left 15th 7

Dear Sir

I am willing for you to keep Alexander at home until next Spring as he is not well. Indeed it is best for you to do so. Alexander cost me a great deal for medicine and doctors' bills as he was sick for a great many weeks last summer & fall. When he first left me he was just like a new boy. I think Alexander is a very naughty boy & very lazy. He never likes to work & he has never made to do any. Bill boy never have had work to do since he was born & he never work at all when he are sick. I hope Alexander will punish him if he tells a story. I hope he will be very careful for having been whipped so severely when he was sick.

Yours truly

S. F. Wilson

Alexander's illness is caused by Mr. Wilson — a disease in his blood — [illegible]

Sept 13th 7

D. McNicoll Esq
Pass. agent. C.P.R.

Dear Sir

Your letter (47051) just received. $10 & $5 ahead to enable a moderate rate to be made considering the distance - but for our party of 32 it amounts to $265 - & I hope you will see your way under our special circumstances to a still further reduction - The party of our Home are very low & it is a great risk on our part making the expedition at all -

Names & ages are as follows -

about 12. Rev. E. L. Nelson -
Miss Minnie Nelson - aged 13.
David 10, Gilbert 13, Smart 14, Riley 15, Sherfe 15,
Oakalbon 13, Selpuf 15, William Neal 16, John Brown 19, Matthew 16,
Wasi 16, Appikokin 18, Stukitain 16. Joseph 14 -
Mary 15, Maria 16, Nancy 15, Harriet 15,
Philamina 14,
under 12 - Sylvester 12, Paul 11, Bella 10, Emma 10,
Frank 10, Elijah 9, Sol 11, Mary 9, Gracie 8
Dora 10, Lily 10.

would you not station a party for once - consisting of Indians - & allow all of 16 & under to travel at price -

All we have an emigrant sleeper
- from Algonquin
Mrs Neil & party start at 8.15 p.m. Ottawa Monday night Oct 3.

Yrs faithfully S & E Nelson

Sept 13 –

Buchanan –

I work to

Sept - 13th

Rev Mr Pollard -

I wrote you Augt 30 - about our proposed visit to Montreal & Ottawa - & there has scarcely been time yet but you endorsed - In the meantime we have decided I think definitely to be in Montreal Oct 2d & 3d - - Myself - no daughter - Minnie and 13 - 20 Indian boys & 10 Indian girls - Our meeting in Montreal will be Monday Afternoon - Oct 3d - & I would be glad if you & Mrs Pollard & C.P.R. to Ottawa - & have a meeting in Ottawa about 7 p.m. Tuesday evening 4th - I am at 11.45 & will take train West for home - The time is short now - & there is no time to hear in answer to this and write again - so if anything is to be done it must be done at once - Will you please at once consult with the Ottawa clergy (I have written to Mr Bogert) & with the ladies of the Women's auxiliary - In Montreal the Sunday School children are going to take our Indian Children & their homes & care for them - Could the same be done in Ottawa just for the one night - Monday night Oct 3d ? We would have all day Tuesday for visiting the Parliament buildings &c & the meeting in the evening -

Please try arrange if possible for our visit – It would be very big all the way & Montreal and back Ottawa – The expense has even for travelling is for the heavy – I am afraid quite $400 – so we must try & get recouped – by charging admission & the entertainment – Will you & the friends make all necessary arrangement – advertise in papers – print out bills &c – Enclosed programme (which we used last spring) will give you sufficient idea of what it is like.

Yrs sincerely –

S. L. Wilson

Sept 15th 7

R. H. Buchanan Esq.
Dear Sir

Just received yr letter - Am sorry to hear of bad news - Have made all arrangements & would be more trouble to alter programme now than to carry it out -

20 boys 10 girls myself & daughter Minnie - hope to reach Montreal (St) 8.20 am train from the West Saturday Morg Oct 8th - We shall form up & march through the Street - (carry flags if you think well) & to place taken you want us - Each child will carry a pack - I hope you will arrange to meet us at Station & tell us Where boys & Girls to go.
Also arrange how our tunic is to be employed during -
Also please arrange definitely for a public meeting Monday afternoon (by a Hall) - & have the things required for carrying out our programme -
Also have dinner & tea provided -

I am sure you must be overdone with work & anxiety - but doubt not you have plenty of helpers who will see to all this -

Yrs sincerely
S. H. Wilson

Sept 15th 7

Dear Dr. Pollard

Yours letter just received - We have arranged now definitely - to reach Ottawa (SV) on our way west from Montreal at 11.35 pm Monday night Oct 3d - & to leave Ottawa again for the West at 11.45 pm Tuesday 4th. I think by letter of yesterday explains everything. I may say that among our Children are 17 Ojibways - 4 Ottawas 2 Pottowatamies 2 Sioux 2 Delawares 2 Blackfeet - I can arrange for a meeting either at 7 pm or 2 pm as it as you think best.

It will not hurt the children to sleep on the floor for one night - if they can each have a blanket.

The pupils can march thro' the streets with flags - & also attend a meeting -

I hope you will kindly advertise as much as possible. Not that I do not like giving you so much trouble -

My daughter Minnie aged 13 comes with me.

Yours sincerely

S. H. Wilson

Sept 15 /

Rev. S. D. Dr. Bartlett

Dear Sir

Many thanks for the renewal of [illegible] subscription to our work. If we had a couple of hundred such annual subscriptions we should be well off — but as it is I dont think I have more than 8 or 10 regular subscribers like yourself — I mean the S. Sch. subscription has only for board value of individual pupils. For 3 years I have had an asst Supt which has cost me nearly $500 a year for salary & board. & have not had a cent to meet this — so am now forced to pocket this up — & take all the details on my own shoulders again. I am very much overpressed just now [illegible] 30 children to go to Montreal & Ottawa — so kindly excuse a short letter. The books will be very welcome when they arrive. Could you kindly at your leisure — let me have a list of names of friends Ministers in England or Canada to whom Papers and Reports and Circulars —

Yrs sincerely

S. H. Wilson

Mrs Ball
Chatham Dft

Sept 15th

Dear Madam

In reply to yours just received – We have no pills at present of the Warwick pills but out of service. but there are several nice pills who have left us – & are now at their own homes – You might apply to Rev. Jno Jacobs, Lennia – Who knows all the pills from that Reserve & from Walpole Island Who have been at our Home. If you succeed in getting me I shall be glad to hear by your next that it is getting on –

Yours very truly

S. O. Wilson

Among the names are – Susan Rudd – Severina White – Alice Thompson.

Sept 16th 7

P.S. Mrs Rutherford

Dear Sir

Please let the Rev. Canon Mockridge - Editor of 'Our Mariner Friend' have the use of the cuts employed in the last edition of the Annual Report - & send them to him as he may direct.

I shall probably want you to use them in the Christmas Number of 'Our Poor Children' but Mr. Mockridge will return them to you in time for that -

Yrs truly

S. J. Wilson

Dear Dr M

Excuse my not writing - I am overdone with work - preparing for the 30 children & Mother

Yrs M.

Sept 16

Dr. H. Plummer Esq.

Dear Sir

I failed to meet you on Monday as I was to board with work to run up again.

1) I am arranging to take 30 Indian Children (boys & girls) to Montreal & Ottawa for the Jubilee Celebration Oct 12 - Had hoped of using the Bishop's yacht & Alg. Mills - but it will be cold & uncomfortable. Could you do anything for me with the North Bell Co.? We must reach Algoma Mills on Saturday Thursday evening Sept 29. Ages of children four 18, five 16, four 15, three 14, two 13, twelve or under. Also myself & daughter Minnie aged 13. We shall be back again to Alg. Mills Thursday morning Oct 6.

2) Can you lend me $200 or $300 cash - till I get back. It is awkward leaving just at close of quarter. I may have enough - It depends on what comes in between this & end of next week - do not want before then.

3) Can you do anything about coal for me? - We shall require 4 tons hard & 2 tons soft.

4) Hope you can be sure of getting the cargo I ordered in time for us - as we hope have a full house to fill -

Yours truly

S. J. Wilson

Sept 16th

Dear Mr Bliss -

We are having black calico bags made for the boys to carry on pic nic to Montreal - which will be placed as packs on their shoulders - I would like some of the same kind made for the girls - but instead of being on their backs they should hang by their sides in the way - all ought the exactly alike - & no girl will be allowed to take a violin - I am sending you some black calico to make the 10 bags & a pattern such as the boys have - The straps to go round them & to pass round the shoulder might be made of factory cotton doubled - in bands about 1½ wide.

Each girl should have in her bag - under linen & stockings for change - night gown - White apron - collars - brush & comb - ~~table~~ 2 blankets and then in 2nd & 3rd class of? Lower bible - prayer bk - & Hymn book.

If you would just place things together you will see how large the bag will need to be -

Mary Peter must also take in her bag - needles - cotton - needlework.

Philemon - towels & soap for all also box of blacking & shoe brush.

Jessie - needles cotton & sewing -

Louisa & Harriet - each a working apron & an article to wash -

Lily - darning needle - yarn - datachy & mend.
Dora - knitty needles & knitting.
Maria (or Sophy) a White cloth for small trays.
Maria - some things to iron - & a clothes brush for all.

Mary Peter & Philemon will act as stewards for the feast - Mary Peter must carry a coconut can - in which tea & sugar can be put & 5 cups - 1 knife - 1 spoon - 1 dish cloth.
Philemon must carry a basket - containing 5 plates - bread biscuits - cheese - cake - canned beef - butter.

The order of march will be -

Boys first -

Ken -

Maria	Philemon
Fanny	Gracie
Louisa	Lily
Dora	Marion (alias)
Harriet.	Mary P.

The girls should practise marching in their order - Rose on Maria's side must have their boys hanging on their left side. Rose on Philemon's side have their boys hanging on right side. The 2 first girls will carry the baskets between them & set to work.
I will try & be out on Saturday afternoon at 4.30 - but am not sure - If I come I will drill the 10 girls.
I hope to see all the girls their best & practise the work song - & the Indian hymn -

Yours sincerely
L. H. Nelson

Sept 16th 7

R. N. Buchanan Esq.
Leon Jn

I had to write hurriedly this morning to catch the Mail. In yr. letter you did not say that there wd be any difficulty in accommodating 30 Indian children. so I hope that that is all right. It would be difficult now for me to make any change. All our practising has been for the 30. If we had only 10 scarcely any of our programme could be carried out. So I am quite sure no change. What we want now is to know definitely what the arrangements are. As the time is so near. I think it best just to put down all I can think of as a guide for me & then leave it with you & then act with you to arrange all as best you can. I will put it on a separate sheet so that you can hand it to Miss as necessary. Hardly think there will be time to write again in reply to this. It would be a relief to my mind. if you wd telegraph me something as follows. "Your directions received all shall be carried out."

Yrs sincerely
S. K. Wilson

Pupils can sing alone - but I would like it still better if the sacred music of some kind could lead them.
If blackboards not procurable - please add to telegram. "Bring blackboards"

Notices - adv. in paper. programmes &c. should be printed in good time - cost being defrayed by money taken at the door

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Friends might take tea children around in the interval during tea day boys to city. Can we might all go together. meet and both be at 7 p.m. at the Hall. Sept 16th 7

Rev. H. Pollard.

Dear Sir

Had to write hurriedly yesterday to catch the mail. Can however send you full particulars so as to avoid if possible any mistake or confusion. Hardly think time will be mine to write again in reply to this. It would be a relief to my mind - if as soon as you have completed arrangements you would let me know same as follows: - "Your directions received. all will be carried out". I would mention that our pupils can sing alone, but it would do infinitely better in the Sacred music if some good musicians would lend them.

Yours truly
T. H. Wilson

If blackboards not procurable please add to letter from "Bring blackboards".

Sept 19th 7

Rev. Dr Brandon

Dear Sir

I have just received your letter
[illegible] and thought it [illegible]
[illegible] of your Church in [illegible]
without due process. I hope you will take me as [illegible]
I do not wish to be the means of [illegible] or any one any
[illegible] at the same time of misrepresenting remarks to
[illegible] the Roman Catholics are [illegible] and under influence
[illegible] is repaid to Indian matters [illegible] a large
[illegible] ought to towards support of Indian Protestant
[illegible] I think the blame rests - not with the Dept - nor with the
R.C. authorities - but with the Protestants of Canada
[illegible] and [illegible]

Indians. The object of my published statement was
not to abuse the Dept or attack the R.C.s. but to attain my
objects & to that I believe the Dept is to unite.
To take your points now seriatim: -
(1) Grants to Sligh & Wawa. as compared to Nikumkika -
In 1874 - The St. received $1500 towards rebuilds. Nikumkika
[illegible] to [illegible] grant was made $21 for building purposes -
[illegible] $10.000.
In 1877 - The Wawa received $600 towards building &
[illegible] $3000.

have added 2 wings to the Blackfoot Girls Orphanage
at very little cost, [illegible] Training - have asked for
no assistance but in vain.
have also built Laundry, Playroom, &c at the Waccamun
for the support of pupils - has received £150 per annum towards
the Orphanage - £600 towards the Waccamun
one pupil have since asked for Rations
but for Clothing but in vain.
Grant for rebuilding of the Wikwemikong Indian Home was
[illegible] paid. What is put towards support
of pupils I do not know.
have no objection to Plan of £2000, but I think
that are prior to me Protestant to
[illegible] than Protestant.
Have no means of knowing how the Wikwemikong
is conducted - but so far as I can hear all
pupils are very fond of their Home - Parents
in no way except exceptions are bondens to come from a
distance.
The Institution at Calgary (or rather McLeod) is among
the Blackfoot Blood Peigan & Stony Indians. Many
of the Missionaries of the Church of England, Presbyterian, &
Methodist bodies work among these Indians as well
as R.C. priests. The Stonies I understand have
[illegible] and joined the Methodist faith under
Rev J. Redgrave - The Blackfoot Blood & Peigans
[illegible] under Chief Crowfoot) Have been influenced both by
[illegible] Ministers are all still
[illegible] - [illegible] nominal Christianity. The

Institution at Fort McLeod – which the Government built at a cost of $25.000 for the R Catholics – I have been informed has not a single Blackfoot child in it – It is occupied I am informed by some young priests or students & a few half breed Cree children brought from a distance. (I am also informed, that the School book used by the Sisters is an English – & in Blackfoot prepared by some priest & containing only 9 out of the 10 Commandments).

(3) I have never denied – or inferred that I was aware of the existence of an Institution for Indian children at Battleford – built by the Govt – or that the assistance of the Church of England had been solicited till in print.

(4) The Presbyterian Institution at Regina – will I hope be built – (but I heard with regret this summer from those on the spot & knew – that the R.Cs were working hard to prevent its being built – & it was very doubtful if it would be.) My object in publishing the Bill was to help them if possible.

(5) The Institution built at Fort Qu'Appelle by the R.Cs at a cost of $25.000 for the R.Cs – is no more in the middle of a R.C. Indian population than is the one at Battleford. I have travelled about among the Indians – & with the exception perhaps of Standing Buffalo & Carlton I believe our other Reserves – Fort Pitt – Pelly – Qu'Appelle & Pasquah's Reserve are as much R.C. as the Battleford Reserves

I am Dear Sir – Yours truly

[illegible]

from [illegible]. I cannot say – that I have
was complaining as much here – of the way the
Roman Catholics are carrying everything – & I believe
[illegible] will endorse what I have said in my statement.
When I visited Mr. Macdonald's Mission Office –
at one of the most miserable little buildings – & only 9
pupils – I know nothing of the Reserve Day
School or the Peace River School – Probably these
are R.C. Institutions of which we have not
heard about.

2) Banff – Mr Stewart the manager of the National Park
was very strong in favour of a Branch Home there –
Lieut. Gov. Dewdney also expressed himself strongly in
favour. The Bishop of Calgary from an Indian
[illegible] point of view a point in its favour. In the
Parks we have most of the Camp Institutions centering
here – Reserves. I cannot the Ind. Dept at
Ottawa have this one more on their subject. But
I conclude that the real object is to build a
Protestant Institution any where in that locality. This is
a splendid centre – & I do not [illegible] to draw Indians from
both sides the Rockies as well as from the Northern
Districts.

3) The repeated changes of views I have I think
have not [illegible] to the Department – &
consider it my duty to state at the earliest moment for

and not had been [illegible] considered [illegible] his subject. I at I [illegible] think on little error like that (if error it could be called) was sufficient reason for his [illegible] withdrawal from his province (to certainly it was not [illegible] official) & apply for a block [illegible] me for the province [illegible] Pacific) - And in not carrying out [illegible] promise he made to increase our Maritime [illegible] hand he obliged me to reduce our numbers & curtail expenses so serious to [illegible] our work -

I have tried to give you as plain & straightforward a statement of the whole case as possible - and if you think I am in fault - or that my "statement" is not fair & just worded - I hope you will kindly write & tell me so -

You will notice in clause 10 of my statement - I do not charge the Post with not building any additional Protestant Institutions - but complain that it has no money to spare for the Shipwreck House just at this juncture - when after 14 years hard up hand work we are ready to enlarge & extend -

Yours very sincerely

L. O. Nelson

I am taking 30 Pamphlets & Magazines for the Jubilee demonstration which [illegible] in Ottawa Oct 4 this home. Mr Lugrin due there 27 or 28.

Sept 6th 7

My dear Mr. Burgess

Your very welcome letter is just received - I am most glad to hear of Thunder Bay as a sphere - hope he may do well - I was sorry for Neil to have found you he left - if he has not told you I will not mention it - but tell him I still think of & pray for him - & am very anxious for him to become a good man & get on well. Temptation too I fear is my sin & temptation - but may God give him grace to resist & to lead a pure Christian life. I hope Ben. is by this time with his son back as he promised to do - Not in - if he is well. I want you to try & persuade Wacis mother that him remain home at any rate one more year - He is getting on so well both at School & Sabbath School - it is a shame to send him away - I will either keep the money till next Summer or send it back to him if he will consent - If the visit to the boys by home I will send him when we get back from Montreal - about Oct 11th - I am taking 30 of my pupils there to attend the first Sunday School (all denom.) demonstration - Elijah is as well and full as possible - But Wacis & Elijah are in Montreal. I wrote to Mr. March about Ben's money & I sent Jesse's money to Mr Roswell a long time ago Yours sincerely

S. R. Wilson

Sept 20th 7

My dear Mr Jarvis -

I shall be most delighted to come & bring my Indian tribe to Carleton Place if it can possibly be managed - but the difficulty is that to which I have already alluded - either we must hurry back Tuesday night Oct 4th & miss you altogether or else we must fill up a week - & come home the following Tuesday the 11th -

Montreal has only invited us Saturday & Monday 2nd & 3rd - Ottawa only for the 4th If they would keep us in Montreal till the 5th & Ottawa till the 8th & you keep us till the 11th it would do.

I am afraid I must arrange under these circumstances to keep to my present plan - viz to go home Tuesday the 4th & to miss your altogether - I am very sorry but do not see how it can be helped -

The only alternative is for you to take upon yourself an immense deal of trouble - viz to write to R. H. Buchan 658 Craig Street Montreal & to Rev. H. Pollard Ottawa - & perhaps to one or two other places that are not too far off - & arrange for filling up our time - & board & lodging - If I find this done - on my arrival in Montreal - I will most gladly fall in with the arrangement - but it is too late now to write here & get an answer -

(over) Yours sincerely C. H. Wilson

Programme

1 Short opening address.
2 Tableau 1 - 10 boys at their trades.
3 Speech by Johnny Wabinah (Ottawa from Manitoulin)
4 Tableau 2. 10 boys at chore work.
5 Introduction of pupils - naming tribe & place of abode.
6 Boise de Pelaway hymn
7 Speech by David Nelsonmines (Ojibway from Parry I.)
8 Tableau 3. 10 girls at laundry work, sewing &c.
9 School tracks (at blackboard)
10 Address by Mr. M. & pastime prairie
11 Sacred music -
12 God save the Queen - to close 2 verses

Article required for the Tableau dress

1 Carpenter's bench & tools or Blacksmith's bench & anvil & tools
Harness maker's ring - 1 table chair 5 ft long
1 knife, 1 fork & tin plate & knife dinner 3 Chairs - 3
crafts dress boxes - 1 bed & bedding - 1 pair Blankets
1 blanket (Indian) 1 sheet - 4 pieces cord wood
for 1 stick firewood - 1 hatchet & cut axe - 1 axe -
1 hoe - a few potatoes - 1 plate - 1 knife - 1 wash dish.
1 wash tub - 1 small bucket - 1 bucket - 1 small tin
1 china cup & saucer - 1 sewing machine - 1 clothes
basket.

Tableau 3 (girls engaged)

1 pail on head - to be seen on the hill
with axe & hoe on shoulder - to take to camp at the
close - 1 basket & bedding on back & 1 child - 1 small
pail - 1 bag with potatoes - 1 bag with provisions &
1 bag with clothes - 1 blanket - 1 tent - 1 tent pole -

Sept 21 7

Mr R H Tisdale
Dr Sir

In order to have every thing clear
in future as I wish they
1 should be when I first employed you - think you to be an
experienced teacher. I left you to make your own rules for
the school room & to arrange the lessons.
2 That the Post Inspector on his visits has not been satisfied
either with the order kept in the school or with the arrangements
made for lessons.
3 That neither have I been satisfied myself -
4 That for these reasons I have now framed rules & orders
for the schoolroom myself, have told you what they are,
& expect them to be carried out. I have also prepared the
lesson table & which contains the duties
5 That your remaining with me as Schoolmaster must depend
on your readiness & fall in with these rules which I have
made & to carry them out.

I also expect you to attend in the Schoolroom during
pocketing &c on Saturdays when the bell rings & remain till I
have finished - also any other time when I may require to speak
to boys & teachers together.

I expect you also (as provided in the rules) to hold
yourself in readiness to assist as occasion may require
upon especially on Sabbath mornings — and I have
a general oversight of the boys at all times & shall
look to the Prefect members of my staff to assist
keeping order.

I am quite sure that you would remain
with me & will always do all I can to make things
comfortable for you & Miss as I have tried to do
in the past — & allow as much liberty as possible
but for the credit of the School I must insist on
my rules being kept & I think I have a right
to do so —

Yrs faithfully
S. D. Wilson

I shall be obliged if you will let me have
your answer to this letter.

Sept 24

I Lewis Pearson in certify that Mr H. D. Mitchell has been 2½ years in my employment as asst Superintendent — that he has always found himself my obliging & has been accurate in keeping his accounts. The cause of his leaving is our failure in obtaining an increased grant towards the support of our Home — & consequent low state of our funds.

Edward L. Wilson

Teachers wanted

Schoolmaster — Shipwright Home — Nov. 1st
2d class certificate — musical — Communicant
Church of England — non-smoker preferred —
Apply Rev. E. F. Wilson, Sault Ste Marie.

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Accounts rec'd

Sept 22nd 7

D. McNicoll Esq.

Dear Sir

There has scarcely been time yet to receive from you my letter of the 13th. My plans are unchanged - i.e. I am preparing to leave with my 30 Indian children my daughter and to catch train Algoma Mills Thursday night the 29th. I hope by such you can give us an emigrant sleeping car through from Sud to Montreal.

We start to leave Montreal (on return) by the Q.A. Tuesday Oct 4th & stop off at Ottawa & Carleton place & possibly one or two other places to fill up the week - then take train west to Algoma Mills on Tuesday evening October 11th. I hope you can arrange our tickets to admit of our doing this.

Yours truly

Edward A. Wilson

Sept 22nd 7

Dr S. J. Selby,
Dear Sir

I am taking 30 Indian Children
20 boys & 10 girls to Montreal & Ottawa -
We leave here by the "Northern Belle" - near Wednesday
morning the 28th - run to Hotel Train at Alpena Mich.
Thursday night or Friday morning - Can you kindly
tell me is there any vacant room that our children
could occupy for a few hours while waiting for the train - I
don't leave expense as much as possible - but
would pay any & moderate - It would cost
too much to go to a Boarding house - & they will
leave provisions with them - Could you - or
some friend meet us at the boat & tell me where to
take the Children to or should - I daresay Mr
Selby would help us but I know he is so busy I
would like to keep him -

Yours sincerely
S. H. Wilson

Shipwreck Home —
Directions to School master —

Hours — Breakfast at 7 — prayers at 8 — Morning school 9 to 12 — Afternoon school 2.30 to 5.30. Evening prayers 7.

The boys also learn to attend preparation 7.30 to 8 a.m. 2. to 2.30 p.m. and 7.15 to 8.15 p.m. School master not required this present but should look in once in a while & see all is going on quietly.

Classes — Class 4 attends school both morning & afternoon; Classes III. and A morning only; II & B afternoon only.

Accommodation. — Bedroom upstairs — use of Mrs Mee as sitting room downstairs — Meals in matron's room —

Holidays — On Wednesday afternoons instead of school — there is general inspection of rooms & uniforms — drill — & clean practice.

There is no school on Saturdays — but school master expected to do any copying or writing that may be required in the morning, also to attend 'pocketmoney' in Schoolroom at 12.40.

Specific duties — To see that the Schoolroom & book cupboard are kept in perfect order — the latter locked & key in its place — To wind the Schoolroom clock regularly — To keep account of boys debts on books &c — To get out Quarterly Report for Indian Department — To make copies of Census Returns examination papers &c for the Principal and Warwick Home — To play organ in Chapel.

To have personal surveillance of the boys out of school hours, see that they are clean in their persons & behave themselves by the rules of the Institution.

S. H. Wilson

Sept 23d

My dear Mr Lindsey

I have telegraphed you – requesting you to Rev. C. Jarvis, Carlton Pl, Rev. H. Pollard Ottawa – & Mr Buchanan 658 Craig Street – Mr Buchanan's hands are so full – that I am sure he will be most thankful if you will help us on our arrival – His first offer was to see all our 30 Indians boarded at different houses – but now there seems to be a difficulty – & I really don't know what we are to do when we arrive. The B ch Soc has kindly written to Mr Henderson asking him to help us – We expect to arrive Saturday morning the 25th at 8.10 a.m. – & will then come on to meet us & tell us where to go & what to do. We shall we have after meeting in Ottawa – then on to Carlton Place – Jarvis is making arrangements to fill our time till 11th when we return. How will an afternoon meeting in Synod Hall do? Yours ever

S. L. Wilson

Sept 20th 7

My dear Mrs Anderson

I shall like very much to take a little
2 year old Mohawk boy - if the parent will ap-
prent for him for say 5 or 6 years -

Probably you have not heard that I expect to be
in Montreal with 30 of my Indian pupils Saturday
Oct 1st - pass entrance on the 3rd - Ditto in Ottawa
on the 4th - Via Carleton Place - & possibly Brockville
& ~~Ottawa~~ Kingston - & return home on the 11th via
C.P.R. Via Sudbury & Algoma Mills.

If we come to Kingston (9th & 10th) it will be a
splendid opportunity to pick up the little Mohawk -
Could you not come yourself & bring him down
our entertainment here. But it is
uncertain at present. ~~If~~ Some time write to
Rev. A. Jarvis, Carleton Place; he is ~~ma~~ making
arrangements & will tell you - If you write to me
in Montreal address to P.O & I will call.

Yours sincerely

S. T. Wilson

Sept 24 7

Prof R. Dalton

Dear Sir

My School master leaves me
the end of Oct – & I want a new one &
Communion Roll &c – Can you kindly
recommend me a good man – £43 he
Ch of England – musical – 2d. certif – & N.S
Prefer a non-Smoker. If you can
recommend me any one will you kindly write
me & P.O. Montreal when I shall be Oct 1st & 3d –
& P.O. Ottawa 4th – also request him to
write to Mr Wilson at the Vault who will send him
list of duties &c – No delay! Yrs [illegible]
& all found.

Yrs Sincerely

R. F. Wilson

Sept 23d

D. McCaig Esq.

Dear Sir

My school master Mr. Linsdale will leave me Nov. 1st. & I want a new man to take his place on or about 1st date. You know what our work is & what we want. & I shall be very much obliged if you can recommend me a man. Salary $300 & all found. Mrs. prefer a member of Ch. of England. & one who can play organ & teach singing. A Roxborough boy will be an advantage. We have had too much trouble & lounging about. The boys of course are allowed to smoke.

I am anticipating that you & myself shall be able to understand simple problems in arithmetic. as I have been testing them in it. Their work is mainly mechanical with the exception of 4 or 5 head boys. We want a teacher who will remedy this if possible. but I doubt if Indian will ever do much at arithmetic. In common to difficulty in making them understand the language.

Yours sincerely S. H. Wilson

Sept 22 7

Dr Craig W. Nicholl
Dear Sir

I have received yours of
the 15th inst - It would be impossible for me
to do more to help you than I said in my last - And
the duties here are so multifarious - That if your chief
object is study or your own account I think it would
scarcely do for you to come. There will be no
means of getting here later than end of Nov a 1st week
in Dec - Navigation closes at that time - If you
came it would not do to leave before then 25th
of Nov in order to make sure of a boat - Many
thanks for yr photo - Which I was glad to receive

Yours truly
L. C. Wilson

Your can address me P.O. Montreal up to 3rd Oct - Ottawa
4th.

Leeds 27th 7

Dear John -

The Lessons for Friday are as follows -

Sept 30th 1 Kings 2. 26 - 46

Oct 7. " 3 ~~ 26 — 46~~

" 14 - No class -

Will you perform exam^n pertains 1 Kings 1st & 3d chapter.
& examine the class my Lessons from Oct 8 to 13. Mr Fowler will tell you what marks are given.

Do as you think best about the garden - In the Kitchen Garden are the Strawberries raspberries battled &c - In the flower garden I Mr Sugden - digging in a good coat of rotten manure with the earth now on the beds - then Carl some of the best soil from on the farm & put about 5 or 6 inches on top of each bed.

I would like very much for Lea Read the Lessons on Sunday - It will be a great relief to my mind - if you will look in occasionally while I am away - it will be a great worry & Mrs Wilson if every thing is up side down - I fear very much this will be the case as Mr Sugden will never appear to trouble himself about Sunday order - His duty was to have been at prayers & night & start the boys at their Lessons - but he chose to stay away & leave me to do his work although he knew I was almost crazy with over work - Yes away

S. K. Wilson

During Mr. Wilson's absence at Norfolk

Mr. Swindale is requested to conduct prayers morning & evening. Lessons to continue as usual.

A.M. 4th class Llewelyn
3d " Maude. Amos. Sampson. Wagstaff & Jones (3 boys)
2d " (Mauck). Jake. Edward. Sonny.
(b+z " Pete. Magpul. Albert. Pascoe)

4th class Llewelyn. (18 boys)
2d " William. Charles. Leslie. Solomon. Pascoe. Wilson
b " Pete. Magpul. Albert. Francis. Baker. Mowat. Paul.
(a " Jake. Sonny)

Flora undertaken to act as School room monitor.
Captain room & East dormitory each to be used.
Joe to ring the bells. Mauck to keep & work all day if raining.
Joe West dormitory Monitor. Francis North dormitory.
Swing school to be as usual but no boys to go to class room.
Joe & Solomon have the baths & prizes at clean shoes.
No clubs to be given out till Mr. Wilson returns but mondays as usual Wednesd afternoon.
No lessons or class Wednesday evening.
Bible class as usual Friday evening.
Mr. Swindale will conduct Boys' examination Oct 11-13.
Mr. Blight . . girls' examination . .
Services & Sunday School as usual on Sundays.
No boys to go out town without Mr. Swindale's permission.
No inspection, drill, or Choir practice Wednesday afternoon.
East dormitory boys to bed directly after prayers, West dormitory at 8.30.
Dormitory gates locked at 8.45.

Sept 27th 7

Dear Dr Bliss -

I send you herewith the Pharmacopoeia Examination book - Will you please conduct this Examination this time - Oct 12th - Inviting the marks - As to pills who are rejected will not be examined - but will be given the average mark as to real - as in 3 examinations. I have arranged to commence Oct 15th with Dick Commence after the Examination - will ask Dr Goodale to make up and send to you.

In my absence Dr Flint will conduct exercises & the degree - If you prefer this as will you please take the pills to Dr Lukes for morning exercises & meet them at home the rest of the day. I would not like to pick them here unless you come with them.

I am afraid you have had a great deal of trouble with the pills ready for Travel's - Many thanks for doing so

Yours truly

T. H. Wilson

Oct 11th 7

A. Archibald Macrae Esqr

Dear Sir

I am sorry yr letter of the 22d has been left so long unanswered but you will know how by the Indian papers that I have been away to Montreal & Ottawa with 30 of my Indian Children - including the 2 Blackfeet - of whom we

[illegible]

I saw both of the 2 Blackfeet boys - I soon entered into full conversation - & will soon speak their language as well as they do - but they are very intelligent, and willing to make themselves known & are capital friends with all the other boys. I think they have strengthened our influence with the Indians of the East. One is having Carpenter to the Portmaker. The latter has sent to his native a pair of skates on which he did all the sewing & prepping

I hope my friends at Regina - ie the Lieut Governor, Mr Reid &c generally will use their influence how can towards the establishment of an Institution at Banff - I have several Conversations with Mr White on the

subject to Sir J. Lubbock in Ottawa & he assured personally
of it. The fact of its being away from any Indian
Reserve I consider a boon in favour & I want to
combine with it an Indian Museum & Library.

If the scheme can be carried out - I would like
to make Battleford my head quarters instead of here - as I must
to study the different Indian tribes N. W. T. & B. C. of which locality
I expect I have work to do for the British Association.

In regard to dieting our boys - I charge the Institute
(Children under 10 yrs old)
90 cents a week for each boy - & do the catering myself -
out of the 90 cents a week - I pay for light, (coal, flour, heating, kitchen fuel)
brooms, scrubbers, soap & all from out of the
weight with best price orders for every boy to eat his fill -
I hate to have children starved or half starved - &
think it is to best way to see that they are well fed -
The rise & fall of markets & the waste of food is my
own risk & does not affect the Institute. I shall
charge that for the grown up young men I charge 1.25 a
week - 90 cts for all the rest. All have meat for
dinner every day - & boys work at trades from breakfast
to tea well. Our average age is about 14 or 15.

Our branch Home at Elkhorn, Man. is now nearly
completed - & I am trying to arrange in some way
for its maintenance. I have just got Mr Pinkham to
inspect - but have not had time yet to look it through -

Yours sincerely
J. K. Wilson

Oct 15th 7

Dear John I am off just back from Montreal & Ottawa. There I have been with 30 of my Indian children - 20 boys & 10 girls. We had a very successful trip - It cost $1000 - but we raised enough money to cover it -

[illegible] Bishop [illegible] must defend on the Indian Parliament - [illegible] present Conditions & practices of Catholicity [illegible] Roy way. I shall not know [illegible] for a week or two.

[illegible] I would like to take you with me - I believe [illegible] & let us know your decision [illegible] but there is a good deal of the "old man" left in you - You have to fight hard to resist temptation - We must try & do as St Paul did - "Keep under our bodies & bring them into subjection".

I don't think much myself of the Bastin' prophecies - Others before him have prophesied just as he does now & it comes to nothing - It is interesting to study Bible Prophecy - but we must do it humbly - We must pray & wait God's own plans - [illegible] I have not yet taken [illegible] Yours sincerely

S. D. Gordon

Oct 15th 7

Pay Mason Bank of Rockland
Toronto
Sir

Enclosed you will
find Exchange for £30 –
also – Cheque on B. Commerce — 137-50
" " 132-61
" " 75-00

Credit all which please credit my Rd. Hamer &c

Yours
Edward L. Watson

Oct 17th

W. H. Plummer Esq.

Dear Sir

You kindly asked an opinion of me if I would kindly write a statement of my opinion in regard to the sentence passed upon one of my pupils. William Monroe for stabbing with the boy Isaac Thompson - You would see what was done towards lessening the term of his committal. I admit that W. Monroe came of bad parentage - His father was in jail at Cat portage when I took him. I received the boy at his earnest request of the Clergyman at Cat portage - to try & take him away from his evil surroundings - & try & train him well.

While his parents were bad I never heard of the boy himself getting into trouble - his committal for any crime. Since he has been with me I have been occasional out breaks of temper & insubordination - but the boy has been quite down in spirits now & has shown a desire to improve overcome bad habits.

I understand that he stabbed the boy Thompson in the leg while wrestling in sport - & that he was severely kicked by Thompson at the time he struck the knife.

If the Officers of the Institution had been at their posts instead of in bed it is probable the affair would not have happened.

[illegible] Mr Mitchell, my assistant
[illegible], who was in charge during my absence, was
prejudiced against the boy [illegible] to have him prosecuted.
Robert Conklin, under whom the boy worked on the farm,
always used by Mr Mitchell to do so, refused to give
testimony against the boy.

It appears from that the sentence passed on
the boy is too severe a one, & I would be glad if the
term of confinement in the Reformatory could be
reduced. The boy is an entire stranger in this locality,
& it seems hard that he had not a friend to speak a
good word for him.

Yours faithfully
H. Williams
Supt

M. S. R. Rains -
Lumberton Jan
#23 - 1 year
Assault - " #2 Jan March
Mean assl - 3 cent stands -
Adv. not sentenced D this
assault - Such was Hot Mitchell
is from " I know Mr is in my
hands of asst - I hope Hon Mr
Mitchell
Office still his - was further assault
is for the same - I shall see
cash for county " I have -
Yours
D. McMillan
Lumb
Oct 1 1892

Oct 17th 7

D. McNicoll Esq
Dear Sir

I am under the unpleasant-
-est [illegible] at Carleton Place made a mis-
-take in issue of return tickets to my party from that
place to Kingston via Smith's Falls & Sharbot Lake.

My party consisted of 17 adults 13 under age,
30 in all - We travelled 2d class - but the
tickets I retained were first class & the amount
I paid for them was $7.00 25

Mr. Conway, the agent of the K & P Line at
Kingston - thought there was some mistake & advised
me to write you -

I deeire to thank you for yr courtesy in having
a Colonist car provided for us from Carleton Place
to Algonquin Mills - & we met with great civility from
all the Officials on the Line

Yrs faithfully
S. H. Wilson

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Oct. 18th 7

Jas. L. McCallum

Dear Sir

I have received a second application for post of School master here — one of them is almost exactly similar to your own — except that he is willing to come for 400 —

I think on the whole it seems best to accept your application — as I prefer talking upon our Own I have accepted yours.

I would wish you to understand that my chief reason for favoring your application in preference to this is that you expressed yourself to the Good of the Indians — & as I understood were prepared to exert all your Whole talents & influence to the good of the Institution. If you contemplate studying medicine & have the pursuit at will of making our School a stepping stone & convenience for attaining a medical education — I think it would be better for you not to take it — I want a man who will throw his heart & soul into the work — make himself a real friend to the Indians —

If you agree to all I say in this letter you can at once prepare for the move — do as best suits you here by Nov 1st

If you come by Alpena (which as we did — you will have to leave Cheboygan 1.10 pm. Wednesday 26 — & get here the 28. If you come by Mackinaw — the boat leaves there 29 & gets here 31.

$200 per annum

Yours truly

C. L. Wilson

Can't you write a number in place of the letter a?

Oct 18th

J. W. Thos Rutherford
Dear Sir

I am send you here with
copy for Ag. Mis News for the issue of Nov. 1st.
If you find it too much you can leave out
'Broadbent' a item of 5th Jr. If too little
keep in item of the account of Conference which I have
erased.
It must fill 8 pages Ag. Mis. News. & be sure & put in
the acknowledgt of Subscription received and advertisement
at the end.
I am advertising the Christmas Number of 'Our Home
Children' for 15 cents. If that is too little let me know
at once. I want it well pushed as attractive as possible.
Messrs. Dyer Bros & Co will send you the cuts for it.
I wish I had seen the address books before Mr. Mitchell
went home, but I was away. 50 Reserve copies should
always be sent home Hdt of A.M.N. & O&C. Mr.
Mitchell tells me the addressing works. There 2813 copies A.M.N.
& 1379 O&C. The letters are nearly all finished & must
be cut down to 1000. When 5 copies are put down off 3 &
so on till you have it sufficiently reduced. The A.M.N. you

can in the same way make up to 2900 – & print 3000 send 50 to me & keep 50 in reserve yourself – in case people ask for back numbers.

Always mail me one or two copies direct from the press – the balance of the 50 afterwards.

Yours very truly
S. H. Wilson

Shall send you O.H.C. for Nov. in a few days – & the Christmas number as soon as I can get it ready.

List of subscribers at present to O.H.C.

Miss Bacon – Hartley – P.Q.
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Mrs Irvine –
Miss Youmans – (Alberta)
Mrs Gibb Como –
~~H. H. Pine~~ Philadelphia
Rev. J. Hugonnard – Qu'Appelle – Man.
Mrs Pine
Rev. N. P. Yates, Franklin Centre, P.Q.
S. C. Hagan – Lucan – Ont.

You had better mark these on yr address book – All the rest receive this & then position – so can be sent out as issued –

Oct 15th

Mr. Jno. Rutherfurd
Dear Sir

By this mail I am send you
copy for October Number "Our Forest Children".
" " November " " " "
Please put it out at the same time & mail to Potter

There will be no December No of Letter O.K.C. or any.

The next No will be the Christmas No of O.K.C. Which
I want put out by about Dec 20th. - 2000 copies.

For these two Numbers of O.K.C. (Oct & Nov.) I
am send you probably more copy that you can
put in. You can leave out Mr Coles' letter &
News paper extracts if not room. Some of the
Letter would do to come in the Christmas Number.

Send me early copies of both these to A. M. N. as
soon as off the press.

Jno Ruth
S F Wilson

Mr Indian Names adds Which?
send you for A.M.N. - Should
appear also in O.K.C. unless kept out
by overstress of other matter.

I hope you have got the next
Leaflet for O.K.C. ready.

Oct 25th 7

The Hon'ble
the Minister of the Interior
Sir

When I had the honor of an introduction by you in Ottawa on the 4th inst. accompanied by 30 of my Indian pupils you kindly said that I might write to you & request an application for present assistance towards the maintenance & extension of my Indian Homes.

Since each home I have received a copy of Mr Pankonphets report but have not had time as yet to do more than glance it through.

I notice that Mr Pankonphets estimates the cost of each pupil per annum at $120, that he would prefer Protestant Schools to be undenominational, & that he proposes the establishment of one Industrial Indian Institution in every important Indian centre.

My own plan, which I have already proposed in former letters to the Department - is to enlarge our present Qu'Appelle Home so as to take 300 pupils, & to build 3 Branch or Receiving Homes, one at Banff

[illegible] of Elkhorn, & one near Sarnia in Ontario;
[illegible] each Homes to be each on a small scale for
[illegible] 30 pupils, to pupils to remain say 2 years, & the
[illegible] of them to be erected on the Central
[illegible] at each Mission.

I know of this scheme before I was aware that the Department
was taking steps to provide so full satisfaction for Indian
Education as is set forth in the Bankruptcy Act, and
I am certainly willing to modify my plans so as to fall
in with the views of the Department.

I agree with the Bankruptcy in regard to the cost of
pupils. I am satisfied after 10 years experience that
a training Institution cannot be properly maintained at a
less cost per head than $120. The pupils ought to
be well clothed & fed & cared for — Otherwise a great
part of the labor is lost — the Children cannot learn self
respect unless well taken care of — In the States the
allowance is $167 per capita.

I agree with the Bankruptcy in regard to the desirability
of Protestant Institutions being undenominational to the
extent [illegible] of any [illegible] in which Presbyterian,
Methodist, Episcopal, Baptist, Roman Catholic, Episcopal Methodist
&c &c with the Methodists & Presbyterians.
But if the parents of any pupils attend Church &c
the Church represented at the Institution they should be
[illegible] to [illegible] at [illegible] Government, & other

[illegible] Indian work, & that there would be a friendly intercommunication between the various Protestant Societies. With the idea of forming this a Society recently commenced publishing a monthly sheet called "Our Forest Children", which is to represent all Protestants agreed in the direction of Indian education & civilization.

I differ from Mr Hawthorne in his idea of a central (as I think I understand) one training Institution to each (sufficiently populous) Indian district, the children of that district to attend each Institution & no other. I think it will be found in practice wise to allow the Indians to choose the Institution they will send their children to. Indians will often prefer to send their children to an Institution near at hand (for some missionary reason) than they will to send them to one more distant; a boy of [illegible] I think also Roman Catholics should be allowed to send their Children to Protestant Institutions & vice versa if they wish to do so. I agree however that one has sent a child to one Institution to [illegible] should not be known to take it away & send it to another unless in some very exceptionable case.

I think my own plan of establishing large central Institutions for 300 children or so at some good central point, & a few Branch Homes in connection with them for receiving & preparing the children is the best.

(4

I think if the Roman Catholics had one large Central Institute at some point & may attract, & the Presbyterians another large Central Institution, & the Methodists another — & Presbyterians another; and then if each of these large Central Institutions had 3 or 4 Branch Homes as feeders scattered through the country, it would be a better plan than that proposed in Mr. Sanderson's report — for the following reasons:

(1) More thorough work could be done at these large Centres, a good staff of Teachers employed, & some 8 or 10 different trades taught, the articles made being distributed to the Branch Homes & also (harness, agricultural implements &c) to the Indian Reserves.

(2) I think it would be more economical.

(3) I think it would be more satisfactory from a religious point of view to the different Denominations. Each denomination would then be represented in all parts of the country & each have one Industrial Centre.

(4) From a selfish point — it would not conflict with any already self-formed plans.

In this letter I have taken a general view of the whole matter. I will now take the several heads of our discussion: (1) the Maintenance from Parental Responsibility (2) the Branch Homes at Elkhorn (now built) (3) the proposed Home at Banff (4) the desirability of further appointments for some of the boys that leave us.

I have the honor to be
Your Obedient Servant
Edward R. Wilson

To the Honble
the Minister of the Interior
Sir -

I have the honor to inform
you that I have several times written the Govt for their
consideration of the Department for increased
aid towards the Maintenance of our Shingwauk and
Wawanosh Homes - but my appeals have been unsuccessful.

Owing to the want of funds I have been obliged to reduce the
number of our pupils from 80 to 63 & to dispense with
the services of one Govt Superintendent.

3 I desire that the Department should take into account that
the Shingwauk Home has now been 12 years & the Wawanosh
Home 8 years in existence, - that our expenditure (in-
cluding repairs & buildings, improvements &c) has been between $9000
& $10.000 a year, that we have been subsidized by the
Department to the extent only of $2400 a year.

4 Our numbers [illegible] & [illegible] years have increased and

Also :-

In June 1853 - we had 32 boys, 22 girls, total 54
" 1855 " 43 " 21 " " 64
" 1856 " 46 " 24 " " 70
" 1857 " 53 " 27 " " 80

5. Our maintenance fund on the 1st of September last was a deficit of $1400.

6. We are in urgent need of immediate help. And I would now ask that from the 1st of January next we may receive $60 a head for 10 additional boys and $40 a head for five additional girls - named $800 a year in addition to the $2400 at present received.

I have the honor to be
Your obedt Servant

Edward L. Wilson

Elkhorn Manitoba

Hon'ble
The Minister of the Interior
Sir.

I have the honor to inform you that I am building & have nearly completed a Institution for Indian children at Elkhorn,

The Institution is to be built on 4 town lots, granted by the C.P.R., is in the village of Elkhorn, near C.P.R. Station, & has accommodation for a Superintendent & wife & 16 pupils.

At present I have no provision whatever made for maintenance of this Institution. I am applying for help from one of the English Societies, & expect that some of the pupils partially supported by Canadian Sunday Schools, but without some help from the Department I fear it will be impossible to make a beginning.

I would ask the Department to grant $60 a head for 8 boys & $40 a head for 6 girls from the 1st April next.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your Obedient Servant
Edward K. Wilson

Oct 25th 7

Banff Home

The Hon'ble
the Minister of the Interior
Sir -

The idea of establishing one of my proposed Brand Homes at Banff came to me when visiting in those regions this last Spring.

The scheme was warmly entertained by Mr. Stewart, the manager of the National Park, & by Lieut Col. Deardsley.

The points in favor of the locality are I think as follows -

1. It is a very central point for reaching Indians of various different tribes - Here are the Blackfeet, Bloods & Peigans of the South; Sarcees, Stonies, Crees & Crois of the East; Crees, Beavers & Chippewayans with access by trail to the North, & the British Columbia Indians on the West.

2. The many visitors [illegible] to the locality during the summer would be interested [illegible] Indians in native costume from these many various tribes. My idea is that it would differ from the New Indian Territory in being a sort of model village - Here the Capabilities of the various tribes would be tested - what would

in connection with it a library of Indian grammars dictionaries & literature & a museum of Indian relics & curiosities, a sort of Smithsonian Institute on a small scale.

3) The past of Banff being some distance away from any Indian Reserve is I think an advantage rather than otherwise. I think the further Indian children can be removed from parental & home influence the better. That the Indian parents will permit their children to go long distances behind an Institution is proved by the fact that I have now at the Shuswap Home Blackfoot Sioux boys who have come 900 and 1600 miles. In the States Indian children travel over 2000 miles to attend the Carlisle & Hampton Institutions.

4) For purposes of agriculture Banff would probably not be a suitable spot. But I am anxious to try basket making, telegraphy, & engineering among the industries at which Indian children would I believe prove themselves adepts.

I have no money or land towards the Banff Home. At present it is merely a scheme. But I would like the Department to take the matter into consideration in connection with the School Superintendents report.

If the Banff Home were established I would be inclined to move there myself as being a better centre for visiting the various Schools, or at any rate spend a part of each year here.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient servant
Edward Ahb

in the House of Commons. [illegible]
very bright, handsome, gentlemanly little fellow of 12 or
13 years of age. I [illegible] idea is that in this way
some of these Indians might be brought under the favorable
notice of Members of the House.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
Duncan C. Scott

Government Afforestation for Indians

The Secretary
Department of the Interior
Ottawa

Sir

I have in former letters intimated to the Department that a late pupil of ours named David Onasakenraat is at present attending Trinity College School, Port Hope. The Lad is now about 19 years of age. He left the Port Hope School in May 1886 & will I hope complete a two years course before leaving. The boy has always exceedingly well stood [illegible] first in his class for Euclid, & Latin & high in the subjects; he also possesses an excellent character, & which I feel sure Dr. Jones, the head master will testify.

When visiting in Washington last February I found that a young Omaha Indian named Frank La Flesche was employed in the Indian Bureau as a Clerk. This suggested the idea of applying the Department for some minor position for David Onasakenraat. The Department will [illegible] whether such a step would have a good effect [illegible] Indians generally.

I have also thought whether an Indian boy from our Schools would be thought eligible for the position of page

Dr. Mackenzie
Dr. Bell

Your duties in regard to Infirmary

The boys will be

1 To call the roll at 6.30 a.m. & superintend the boys at work till breakfast & after breakfast till prayers time - attend morning prayers - & superintend the bed making after prayers - then to superintend work

2 During the morning you will have to clean your Confectionary or 3 times p/s record time that the boys are attending to their work -

3 At 1 o'clock you must see that the afternoon boys all go to their work - & will then open again 2 or 3 times the same as in the morning.

4 After every prayers in morning go to bed- Head Boy at 8.30, Last dormitory at 9.15. See that all this is done regularly - that of the head Cards (all boys one) are carried up stairs - & look to gates after the boys are all up. See pails in places & down pipes all safe.

5 Look after all Patients going to & superintending the boys - carefully giving bell, clothes room, & passages - &c. all the school & work rooms after every - attend to boys' baths - & visit once a day the Closets -

6. Wednesday afternoon – keep order in school, hall 2 to 3.30 while the men's dinner is going on.

7. Sunday morning at 10.30 see that all the boys are properly dressed for church (in schoolroom).

8. Keep a journal in which enter each evening what work has been done during the day & how the boys have behaved.

For doing the above I shall allow you $7 a month in addition to your pay as Carpenter

Yours truly –

S. L. Wilson

Work to be done

Water to be got in & fill barrels for the kitchen & private kitchen.

Wood to be cut & wood down pulled.
" for hospital

Short wood to be cut in yard cellar.

Scavengers - has to empty ashes from the stoves, out at the back in proper place - see Jesse he has to help & the wood carry.

Cottage boy - has to do the same as the other boy, only sweep
also help with wood carry & the work.

Two marked extra boys - are to be kept on for morning work if needed - to begin when the School bell rings at 9 o'clock.

When the boys get through with the water & wood they should be put to the work such as

Clearing up round -
pulling up stumps -
Chopping down dead trees -
Burning or carting away rubbish -
picking up stones -
Mending fences - &c &c

The fire pails ought to be always kept full.
Kindling should be got ready for lighting fires &c

Oct 21 7

Dear Johnson

I got your letter yesterday. I have just told Sabsey to buy me your Sabretash & I will put your address on it - & send it to you by the Empire - I will send it to care of Rev. J. Mc Jacks & you can ask him when he comes for Sunday. I suppose you will not come up here again this winter - I would like to have you back here. I must cut the Blackfoot bay Etukitsin work every day in the bootshop - & I have a White man named Mater to teach them.

Many thanks for sending me the apples - the boys will all be glad to have some.

We all had a very good time going to Montreal & Ottawa & Kingston. Perhaps I shall take some of them to England in the Spring.

I am trying to get a place for Waubegezic in a Government Office in Ottawa -

Mean while I am sincerely yours

L. L. Wilson

I have not a little Mohawk boy from the Bay of Quinte

Oct 21 7

Dear Li

In reply to yours of the 14th inst – I think your estimate of Isabella's character is very correct. She is a difficult girl to train – & I fear doubtful how she may turn out – I am however quite willing to keep her & do the best we can for her. I think I had forgotten your request to maintain them for four years. If you are willing to do it, it is very good of you, & I hope they both of them benefit by it. I think Isabella has good points as well as bad ones. When kindly treated she seems anxious to please & is I think of a generous disposition – I think if she knows that she is to stay 5 years she will perhaps settle steadily on & study the lessons. I will have a talk with her next time I go to Waiwairoa.

Yours very truly
Edward D. Wilson

Hon. Mr Mathews M.P.

Oct 21 97

R. S. Lukes
Dear Sir

Inclosed find Chque for $69
to cover your account —
Very many thanks for your kind donation
to the Fund —

Yours truly
Edward S. Wilson

Oct 21 97

The Manager
Bank of Montreal, Toronto
Sir

Please
Send Draft Chque for ——— $450 —
Wilt Nick please credit my Indian Home a/c.

Yours truly
Edward S. Wilson

The Editor
The Manitoba Daily Free Press

Sir

I have just read in your Correspondence Columns the letter of Diogenes describing his visit to Shingwauk Home. If it be flattering to the building & the White people engaged in the work but has with that utter contempt for the Indian children whom we are endeavouring to train. I think it is scarcely fair that a stranger, evidently already much prejudiced against the Indian race, should pass so little a judgement upon a work which for the years past we have been striving to build up - & make it public before the world - after paying only such a very cursory visit & to gain his information from those who like himself were unfriendly to the work. The Indian may have his bad side, but I believe he has a good side too. During the 12 years that I have had these institutions I have had a certain amount of discouragement but a great deal of encouragement too. The discouragement has been chiefly caused by the want of sympathetic help from people of my own nationality & the unwillingness of Indian parents to let their children remain with us for a suitable time. The pupils themselves have very seldom caused me trouble. Of course there have been a few black sheep, as there will be in every school. But as

rule they are well behaved & obedient pupils. Nor
are they when they have a good teacher slow to take interest
in & dull at learning. Perhaps no town in the
world has more Chinese children than they
are to be met with in the way of reading, spelling, writing, & in one
or two years learning have been greatly surpassed. They
take up English with great rapidity & have very good memories
& believe there are few County Schools in Canada that would
not be proud of Shingwauk Home in regard to good pupils & Teachers
were they to find them. We have one boy now at
Trinity College School, Port Hope, — a full blooded Ojibway —
who is almost always at the head in his class for Algebra, Euclid,
& Latin, & took the first prize last Midsummer & for
Composition.

The boys are not as orderly & expert
at Squad drill as your Correspondent would make out.
Perhaps if he had to drill with a Chinese Officer calling out the
words in Chinese, he would not make a much better figure than
they — many of them scarcely understand a word of English. And
would like your Correspondent, if he has a promising son, to
send him for two years to China to a Chinese School, then
on his return compare him with one of our Indian boys from the
backwoods who has been 2 years learning at our Shingwauk
Home; it would be much more fair than to compare our
pupils to them who are learning their native tongue in the common
schools of the country.

Our boys again are not as
good at manual work as your Correspondent would make
out. Of course they sometimes sit down, & so do I.
I suppose if I had happened the day he visited the boys
at their work I also should have been judged not fit for picture
in a newspaper. I used to often day I am

Indian who never saw a White man till he was 30 years old, & the first he saw he killed as that is right examine him. Perhaps the boys were meditating something of the same kind when your correspondent accosted them. It is hard sometimes to tell just what Indians are thinking.

Remain Sir yours &c

Edward F. Wilson

Rev. H. B. Malahan Esq.

Dear Sir

I have pleasure in enclosing you £5 ($25) in your support for the boy at Bishop Roberts' orphanage Jamaica. I wish you could induce those dilatory people to send us their letters. Just interest is taken by our Indian boys in the work - but we want exertion from time to time to keep it up - My Indian pupils write twice a year to their supporters.

Yours very truly

E. F. Wilson

I have some idea of coming England in Spring & bringing about 20 Indian children. to address meetings & stir up new interest - How could I get the children boarded in London? We have been visiting Montreal & Ottawa & had good success.

Oct 24 7

Miss Adams

Dear Madam.

I have just received $25 from Miss Rose to ward support of Indian girl for Nancy Naudain. I expect my much loved Nancy Henry on; till health has not returned by since the holidays - but she hopes to come back next Spring. I hope this will not discourage the members of the Missionary Union who have been so kindly helping us. In the mean time I have applied to you for support in Nancy's place Caroline Anthony, a Delaware girl, about the same age & size as Nancy. If you prefer to do so you can have Nancy Henry back again when she returns.

We have just got back from a very successful trip to Montreal & Ottawa. We will be a full account of it in "our Forest Children". Buy the by D&C. it only 10 cents a year, 12 copies a year for $1. Children by getting 12 subscribers can earn 20 cents.

Yrs sincerely -

L. F. Wilson

Oct 27th 7

The Hon. Dep. Supt. Ind. Affairs.

Dear Sir.

I have not just had time to peruse carefully your Report suggesting improvements in Indian Education — upon which you invite criticism & suggestions.

As I am desirous of keeping the Report & now I hope you will allow me to say that I have to say in this letter — instead of — as suggested — on the margin of the Report.

1. I am exceedingly glad that there is even the remote prospect of such steps as you propose being taken by the Government — & on the whole — I entirely approve of & endorse your proposals. I believe, with you, that the solution of the Indian question lies in the education, moral & moral elevation of the rising generation.

2. The three points on which you lay stress in the early pages of your report viz (1) improvement in

(2) attendance of pupils (3) provision for
their future life — I regard as all important.

Prizes, mid day meal, uniform for children
in day schools.

If I may be allowed to do so — I would like to say
a few words upon the subject of training & fostering in
the Indian the manly spirit — I think the "prize"
principle is a very principle in dealing with Indians.
If only thoroughly good teachers could be got who
would do their work thoroughly & take real interest
in it — I believe there wd be little need for any of
the special inducements — At the same time I
quite approve of prizes being given in the day schools
as at the Boarding schools, & also that in certain exceptional
cases it might be desirable to give a midday meal.
Uniform for the children — I do not admire for day schools
— it would soon be torn & frays & loaded with vermin
in their own miserable homes.

My own view of the matter is that day schools
should be kept pretty much as they are, & that Native
funds are to be expended now & the Department should
be expended mainly in the erection & maintenance
of Boarding Schools or Institutions.
Institutions are of course more expensive to build
& maintain than are day schools — but I think
the advantage of an Institute as compared to a day school
more than
is more assimilable. Looking into the future — I
think that — say in 10 years time — ten Institutes with

100 pupils in each will work a greater reform among the Indians than 100 day schools with 30 children in each.

The removing the children away from home influences & the desire them to converse with one another in English - their being steadily at their lessons every day - their living constantly amid civilized surroundings - their being kept clean in their persons - their learning from their hands as well as their brains - these among others are I consider the great advantages that an Industrial presents over a day school.

The point that I would like to press is - that those who are already engaged in the work of civilizing & educating & Christianizing the Indians should be given every encouragement to go on with that they are doing.

The Department, by taking things into their own hands & making their own rules about everything, may very likely succeed in producing more order & system than at present exists - but I doubt very much whether it will result in success.

The Indians are a peculiar people to deal with, it takes years to learn their character, they cannot be dealt with just as the same Circumstances as people of another nationality.

Those who have been the longest living with them usually know best how to deal with them.

As to the Moqui Delegation in the Hopi affair - & the Metlakatlah - they are often very determined to have their own way in religious affairs -

For this reason I do not think it will do to divide up the Country as proposed in your Report - & say that the Indians of Arizona & Walatta Island must send their

children of the McKay Institute, those of Manitoulin & Lake Huron and of Shawanikong & Shingwauk. I feel certain the Indians would not approve of this. I think they ought to be allowed to have the choice of Institution & Religious Training for their children in the first instance, but that the understanding that Law once entered they must remain at that Institution till their course is completed.

6. In a recent letter to the Hon. the Minister of the Interior (Oct 25). I suggested that each of the leading Denominations of Christian work among the Indians namely the Church of England, Presbyterian, Methodists, & Roman Catholics should have one large central Institution in some favorable spot for 300 or more pupils, & each have a number of Branch Homes scattered through the Country in those Districts where Indians belonging to the Denomination are most numerous. I think (if I may say so) this would be a better plan than the one you suggest, more likely to give satisfaction both to the Missionaries & the Indians, & do more likely to be in the end successful.

7. I think if you divide up the County as you propose, & oblige Indian children whose parents are Presbyterians or Methodists &c to go to a Church of England Institution, & Ch. of E. children to go to a Methodist or Presbyterian Institution, there will be trouble. I object also to the same grounds to the Institutions being made

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denominational. What I proposed in my letter of January 27 as regards the Rangiwaiu Home, viz. that pupils attending should belong to the denomination to be allowed battuta their own place of worship - but that Ch. of England services would be continued as usual at our Institution. And this is what I would suggest in the case of all Protestant Institutions established & assisted by Government. Let the Presbyterians have their Presbyterian services, the Methodists their Methodist services, but let children attending those schools who do not belong to that denomination be allowed by their own place of worship if they wish.

I think, as I have already said, it would be a great mistake, in any way to discourage those who have been really at their life work to care for & teach the Indians, & it must be remembered that in every instance this has been done from religious motives; the bond that unites the teacher & taught is religion; & a religion of some definite form which has become dear not only to the teacher but also to the taught. For this no scheme upon which the Government is (I hope) launching is to be successful I feel sure that the religious leanings of the people must be respected & they must not be in any way forced to have their children brought up under other teachers than with their approval.

9. The way to gain the Indians, if I may say so, is not through the medium of prizes or other inducements. They will take what is given them - & yet have little or no respect for the donor, - indeed I think they have a secret contempt for those who try to win them over by presents. The

we want to do is to be strongly honest with them — to treat them as intelligent beings, and as ignorant children, to convince them that we are their friends — seek their true welfare — An Indian is easily influenced by a person who really likes him + desires + help him. He favors & instinct a true friend just as a dog does. But he is astute enough to see through a gift given for a purpose. The best inducement to make the children attend the Institution — is I believe their seeing those that have been taught there & go home for vacation. If we could the children of this generation & will would the children of the next generation. But we must not do as needed cannot in my opinion be done through the medium of day schools — it can only be done through the medium of Institutions.

I am afraid I have said in this letter more than was asked for, but I imagine, Sir, you desire the deepest well feeling to have done so.

I remain
Yours very obediently
Edward P. Wilkes

Oct 27th 7

My dear Dr Watson

I regret very much that in our last annual Report I omitted to give names in full of your subscribers to the Museum. I was very much hurried in getting it ready for press just prior to leaving home on my visit to several institutions in Pennsylvania & Virginia. My sister Mrs Martin's acct was read & handed to me & I omitted to enter my own accts for the year. I now required to look up your letters & get the names & amounts - & this I must confess I forgot to do until the Report was already in print & too late.

I will explain this in the next Report - & take care that the omission does not occur again - as of course I have no subscribers like those two names.

I have only recently returned from a very successful trip to Montreal Ottawa & Kingston visiting Hunt Jones Indian Specimens. It was a great undertaking & all turned off exceedingly well - & I think a good deal of interest has been aroused. Sent

I am a newspaper account describing some of
the meetings.

I am beginning to think now of coming to England
at the end of next February - bringing 20 of my
Indian pupils. I think it is very necessary that
this work should be increased interest in our work
in England. Do you think it would be advisable
& feasible to try & carry out this plan? I thought
of applying to some missionary college or institution
here in England to train the children preachers during
our visit - charging a low rate for their board - & I
think we could depend on the receipts at meetings
to pay expenses. It cost me £80 taking
them all on the last trip - & our receipts were about
£85 - so we lost only £5 of it.

I send you a few little slips about "Our
Forest Children": I am trying to get a large circulation
for this little paper.

I am in great hopes now that the Government will
help us. There is a new head of the Indian Department
& he seems very favorably disposed towards our
work.

Yours very sincerely
S. H. Wilson

Nov. 7th

The Hon.
The Minister of the Interior
Sir

I have received and duly taken into
consideration your letter of the 25th ult.
The three letters I referred to in mine of the 28th were as
follows - 1. Maintenance of our present Industrial Home
2. Our Branch Home at Wilson (3) Proposed Branch
Home at Banff. re. desirability of power appointment for
some of the boys not leave us. In addition there
I have also sent a long letter addressed to the Dep. Supt
Genl. of Indian Affairs commenting on his Report about Indian
Industries, at his request that I would do so. This letter
was dated Oct 27.
I take the liberty now to enclose you a sketch - showing
position & appearance of our present buildings - & position &
roughly estimated cost of the new buildings we would like
to erect should the Department agree to the proposed
enlargement - so as to take 300 pupils.
If any further information is required I will gladly furnish
it as far as I am able - I remain Sir
Your very obedient Servt
Edward R. Wilson

The estimate is supposed to cover
painting & fitting as well as building.

Dear Sir

Enclosed Mr Mitchell left. I find a good way I can account which I left I have it carefully explain. & you will do as I tell you will me know your [illegible]

Can you kindly explain the following

(1) In bill to March 27 there is left [illegible] $80.75 less against this you received cheque — 30-95

leave — 43-80

But Cal. carried on to next bill is $43.10 instead of $43.80 leave a difference of $5.20 to account for.

(2) do it by the Bank's direction that removal of his account to our charge has instead of [illegible]

(3) Did Mr Mitchell show bill you - but after the [illegible] arrives - I wished only 10 days P.C. instead of 20 days. I thought that we all in last time here; - and I left Lyle where then I left him [illegible] - Then you have the [illegible] for those days.

Will you kindly do as soon as you [illegible] Chance & me have a list of our type-cases - [illegible] & forward to your hands

Yours truly [illegible]

F. A. Shipp. Esq.

Dear Sir

Will you kindly do agreement
signed for me for Jacob Replacement to stay 6
years & Mary Kadel to stay 3 years - to Mr. of
Steelyewearing . Which you have done or
former. if not, [illegible]

Wrote to the 2nd. Dft. Sept 13. about Louis Kayser
of Lisbon Ohio who had failed to return ware he had
bound here to Mr. [illegible] - & who owe me by book
referred to matter to you. Heard last by one who
received of the Witnessmiller Blood, - If he does
not return two - the charges for which taken away are
$ 5.30

Yours truly

F. A. Shipp

Mrs. Spurrier of Sandy Creek wanted me to take her
2 boys - Please tell him if true & they [illegible] here I will take them January 1st.

Nov 5th 7

Rev. I. W. Jermyn —

Dear Sir.

Will you please have agreement signed for Caroline, Mary Jane, & Edward Walker to remain & perform period at our Institute. & thank you have to blank forms: — If not send me word by post-card, & I will send them to you.

I am sorry Mr. McGregor did not send back his two daughters Mary Ann & Alice — as it is a disappointment to the Sunday Schools not to see & support them. There is no charge to make for Cliff — as Mr. McGregor had already paid me £5, besides which Mary Ann had a small balance in the Savings bank, & these together cover the cost of the Cliff.

I thank the Captain & Officers & Seamen for their kind respect too much. If they are not satisfied for their children to be at a free Institute where they have only to pay, £3 a year for their children to attend boarding School & pay all the incidental expenses. There is still £5.35 due to me from Sampson Walker & Wife please send as soon as possible. Please tell Mr. McGregor the contents of this letter

Yours truly

S. H. Wilson

Nov 5th 7

R. Inglis Esq.
Dear Sir -

I shall be obliged if you will collect for me the sum of £2 25 paid passage ticket for Sophia Rodd & Samia Hicks Servants -

Also charge as follows Abram Isaac £6 50
Evans Moses 6 -
David Rodd 5 -
Susanna Rodd 4 - 10
Julia Roberts (a White) 3 - 30
Mary Ryan £1 1 - 80

Some of these cattle have been over for a long time - & I have no doubt sometimes a trifling sum of delay - Kindly let me hear if not I will be much obliged -

Wesley Jackson was charged £6 80 but I cancel this as he left money in Savings Bank to official known it.

Yrs truly
Edwd H. Wilson

Rec'd 5th

Alex McKelvy Esq.
Dear Sir

Will you please collect for me the sum of $2.50 from Thomas White and $2.50 from Bella Rankin paid for their Pascagoula tickets down this summer.

Also send a 5 year agreement for William Posey. Also to many due from the two Bird boys as soon as you can collect it.

We have 43 boys here now & 21 girls & all for in health & doing well.

Yrs sincerely
S. L. Wilson

Nancy Henry understand field & return on account of sickness. We will expect her back in Spring to fill her place with us.

Nov 7

My dear Mrs Wilson

I am exceedingly sorry to hear by
from Mrs Pollard that you have been detained
ill since we left - but I hope that you are now
recovering & will soon be fully restored to health
Mrs Pollard has sent me $20 - the net receipts
from our meeting - & I desire to thank the kind
ladies of the Women's Auxiliary for so kindly providing
for our Indian Children at the Office House & so saving
us this additional expense.
It was most fortunate - indeed I think providential
in leading to meet the Hon. Horace White on the Street -
his interest & that of the Mayor - the hall
desired with the very cordially & secure public approval
& sympathy for our work -
When you have a little time - would you mind sending
me a list of names & addresses of Protestant Members of
Parliament & the men of influence - to whom I might
send our Circulars -
Yours very sincerely
S. K. Wilson

When you receive this letter
Will you please acknowledge it.

Nov 9th 7

A. H. Campbell Esq.

Dear Sir

Will you kindly look up the bill for type &c. purchased about 3 years ago by the Diocese & placed in charge of E. Biffing printer of this place & see when paid? & oblige

We have made arrangements & have the B. M. N. printed elsewhere - & the Bishop consequently wishes to dispose of the type &c. belonging the Diocese.

I think it is likely Mr. Biffing will buy it off our hands - but he wants to know what we ask for it - & this I cannot tell till I see the bill.

Yours truly

E. L. Wilson

Please be sure & mark in some way all subscribers to O.H.C. in yr address book - The gratis names must gradually be reduced as subscribers increase - Q & W

Recs O.H.C. (contd)
5 R. Miller, St Thomas, Ont
5 Rev. Jas. Rogers, 163 Jacques Cartier, Montreal -
5 Chas. G.D. Roberts, 476 St Urbain St "

Victoria 11th - 7

Mr. Rev. Rattenbury
Dear Sir

I blame myself very much for not having kept up and sent you the heads for the N. Rev. I have had such a overpress of work that I had to think all about it. I rec'd your letter this morning & immediately despatched a message - hope it came in time. Prince Rupert & Caspers it began - I fear however it will be too late for the Nov. issue as you said you needed it by the 12th.

I send you a list of new subscribers - I keep coming in every day - I don't know whether you will have enough O.H.C. left on hand to supply the demand - If not I must wait for the next issue -

Copies of the O.H.C. reached me to day - & I am entirely satisfied with it -

You will please hand to Messrs Mackenzie, Mann & Co the cuts of Skiing & Mawandopenasse - for the Christmas No O.H.C. Also please enquire of the Toronto Engraving Co. when they are likely to have finished those I ordered done - Could you let me have a list of the cuts you propose for the Xmas No - It would have to be ready by the end of next week -

Yours very truly
J. E. Wilson

Nov. 11 - 7

To the Hon. the Minister of the Interior -

Sir

I have great pleasure in enclosing you an excellent testimonial to the Character & ability of David Waldron, also one I wrote by your Order 25th, from Revd Dr Bethune, headmaster of Kingston Coll: School Port Hope. also the Lads' School report for the Current term -

When done with may I ask you kindly to return them - that is - if unrequired

I have the honor to be Sir
Your Obedt Servant
Edward Wilson

Nov 12 7

Jas L. Jewell Esq.
Dr. Sir

Kindly let me Reid know that I have received $ 60 ½ $ payment for Wauburgis — promptly & safely —

I have just received a most excellent certificate from Dr Patterson of Wauburgis' ability & good character — does to School Report Newing here & in Latin Algebra & Arithmetic — I have sent both to the Minister of the Interior — & am expecting an answer post for here in the Indian Department next spring — Dr. B. says he is quite pleased & thinks it so I hope will get it — You have done a good work for us in exporting to Bay —

Yours truly
S. J. Peters

Nov. 12th 7

Dear W. Murray

Very many thanks for yr kind note - & your ready willingness to take another girl in place of Alice Macgregor - I think it now as is more reliable & likely to do better than little Alice - We have just send one girl - Charlotte - into service - 8 £ 6 a month - & she is giving great satisfaction - I think if we enlarge & get a large number of pupils we might begin upon system of payment at various rates as they leave us - Mrs Wilson prefers one Indian servant, very neat & White girls -

Caroline Hawkes is 14 years old - rather big for her age - I think if you make accurate measurements it will be near enough - If anything is do not quite fit they will come in for alteration.

Trains are still 40 miles away - no freight can I believe reach us till Spring -

Yrs sincerely

S. H. Wilson

Nov- 14th 7

W. Rev. Rutherford

D. Sir

Yrs of the 8th ult received & dely - I endorse draft as requested for £33.25 - and will always pay you as promptly when able & do so - Our funds however are very fluctuating & I cannot promise always to pay up quickly - I will do as you say & send you a list of short paragraphs for fill in at end of columns -

I have received the 25 copies you had sent & have mailed them to the people on the list sent you on the 11th - except those already on your free list -

It is you are marking on yr address book subscribers so as to distinguish them from parties that get the O.Y.C free - as of course it will not do to cut down subscribers - Do not cut down on any of the Sunday Schools as they are entitled to them free - No Rev have any claim on us. As our subscribers increase our free list must be reduced -

Yrs truly

D. Wilson

Nov 18 7

Dear Capt Pratt—

Your very kind encouraging letter just received — enclosing $5 which will be applied towards the annual expenses of getting out our paper. & I shall have great pleasure in sending you 5 copies each month — & 5 of the Christmas Number.

I am sending you also a photograph of the last I had taken. Was visiting Montreal & Ottawa.

At the back of this is a key to the names.

Yrs very sincerely

L'Wood Verner.

Nov 19 7

J. Randall MacRae Esq.
Dear Sir

Yours of 11th received yesterday -
I am send you by this mail a photo of the
Indian Children I took at Ottawa & Montreal -
Please let Miss Wis to Dept. see it - I have marked
the Blackfeet boys at the back - In the centre are only
two of my children - (my left hand)

I like yr idea of distributing our Forest Children
& the Indian Schools. The charge is only 10 cents a
year - $1 for 12 copies - & if we get a large circulation
we can probably make it even cheaper -

I am send you a few copies of the N.C.

Yrs very truly
S. T. Wilson

Nov. 15th 7

The Lord Lieut
of Indian Affairs -

Sir

I beg to enclose you a rough bird's eye sketch of our land & the proposed new building to accommodate 300 pupils - provided our plans can be carried out -

The sketch corresponds (on reduced scale) with the plans already sent -

I am Sir
Your obedt Servant
Edward L. Wilson

I enclose also a last number of "Our Forest Children" - A friend connected with the Indian Department at Ottawa - has suggested that copies should be distributed at all the Indian day schools as an incentive to the pupils.

Nov 19 7

To Secretaries
Col. & Com. Ch. Assn -
Dear Sirs -

I have received your letter of Oct 26 - & desire to thank You for kindly giving consideration to my proposal - & also for communicating with the Authorities of Salisbury Square - in regard to assistance towards our work - I dearly expected that the C. M. S. would take us up again - as they expressed themselves distinctly on the subject in 1872 - but I had hoped that your Society would have seen its way to assist me in extending a work which you have already helped me to inaugurate & to maintain for the past 15 years - However there are of course great demands upon your funds from all quarters - & we must not expect more than our share - I am in hopes that the Canadian Church will shortly increase our grant & so enable me to carry out my plans -

Yrs very faithfully
E. F. Wilson

P.S. I think that Societies like ours divided are too close with their funds - If we want God's blessing we must be liberal handed - deal with Him as God deals with us - [illegible] windows of heaven & pour out [illegible]

Nov. 24th 7

Dear Dr. Mitchell

I have been too much occupied with work & write sooner. I find a great many mistakes in the accts – Chiefly since 1st July – Have back early in the Spring – It has caused me a great deal of trouble. Besides many other things which I understood you wd. attend to before leaving – I am glad to hear you have got a position suited you – & hope you will succeed

Yours faithfully
S. F. Wilson

Nov. 21 7

Dear Mr. Rowsell

Y. letter just received - the cause of delay in pub. deed for the Elkhorn Lot is that I have been writ. patiently to hear from the Bishop of Rupert's Land - as you told me some time back - that he had had offers from the Dept. town and 2 institutions meditated giving me the benefit of me. & would write to me. Y. letter just received explains why I have not heard from him. In my letter I have of Aug 15 - I proposed that the Land Dep. be now Church property with the B. of Rupert's Land as trustee - just as in the case here with our Hamilton property - & gave you the reasons I wanted it vested - that no part should be sold & without consent of myself & successors -

I will now write fully the B. of Rupert's Land - & they agree to matter settled me way or the other - I do not think the building a second Institution as near us as Oak Ruin is either wise or kind - It is not wise to have an Institution either on or very close to Indian Reserves - & building it as close to Elkhorn Town like an attempt to drive

no Pp to field - I should [illegible] to Bishop would beg him to see after having encouraged me to start to work in the first instance -

I have no reason to think that the Dept is displeased with me - having received my kind & encouraging letter from the head of the Dept lately - with instruction to renew my application & promise that it will be attended to - I have sent them in full details of all I want to Mr Lane at the Vault & at Hobson & Mary's.

I should think it would be well to have the second coat of plaster till May - as it is now so late - & matters somewhat uncertain -

Brazi & Elijah are both quite well - Brazi broke some time ago & his mother not to intended running him till next summer - If the artist wants it any one else sent upstairs they can have it back - Rose of it is used -

We get bright accounts from Andrew - I am very glad he is getting on well -

Jas Lucius
Sk Wilson

Nov. 21 7

My dear Lord -

I wrote to you July 18th last - in regard to the Branch House Rich Dr proposed building at Okhon- & have since (Aug 28) heard from Mr Roswell that you had received an Offer from the Indian Dept toward the erection & maintenance of two Institutions in your Diocese, & that you had replied & the Department supposed that you would undertake the responsibility of one Institution & that the other would be placed under my Charge - To this Mr Roswell tells me you have received answer that the Ind Dep. was willing to put the two funds together & give you one large Institution instead of two small ones. He also tells me that there is now some talk about building this proposed Institution at Oak Ridge - which is only a short distance from Okhon.

I would like (1) to thank you for your kindness in asking the Department to give a portion of the proposed grant towards my work - (it would have cleared up matters very much, so far as I am concerned),

had acceded to the proposal.
but (2) the new arrangement of erecting the Government Depot
at so near a point to us as Oak Ridge throws great
difficulties in my way - indeed I do not see how
it will be possible for the two to be carried on. If
you would select some site 2 or 3 miles at a greater
distance the difficulty would be removed - I think
the more Protestant Institution for Indians that can be
erected & distributed through the Country the better.
If you want to come into the same locality as that
in which my little Branch Home is already erected -
why not make some arrangement to combine the
two. I am quite willing to give it over into
your hands if it seems best. As you know I have
sought your advice & co operation in the matter ever
since it was first proposed - it was my wish
that the land on which the Institution was built
should be Church property with yourself as trustee, just
as is the case with our Highwark Home here.
I shall be very thankful if as soon as you can get
a little time you will kindly write & tell me just how
matters stand - whether it is your wish that I should
withdraw from the work which I have been endeavoring
as I thought with your approval & assent to set on foot, or
if you will accept the Tellico Institution as a part of your
Church property & allow me to carry it on as at first proposed
as a Branch of our Highwark Home - but this I could not undertake
to do unless I had a Site at Oak Ridge. Yours sincerely

(Please acknowledge Copy duly received) Nov 22d 7

Mr Jno Ruttenfud
Dear Sir

I have concluded to get out the Christmas Number as speedily as possible - & get it out have been already ordered into the peoples' hands, so that Mrs may see them & order Copies.

I am sending you by the mail all that I have ready - also a Sketch showing my idea for the Cover - The Cover should I think be tinted paper - & the printing done with the printing color will take a darker tint: red & black ink. I suppose you will have in stock - & such as will do for the Corner pieces & Crosses, - & the words "Christmas number" must be put in Nature best type you may have or can procure - I think Open lined letters such as I have shown would look better than solid color. I should like to get a proof of the Cover if it could not cause too much delay. I think by charging 15 cents per Copy we ought to afford to get them out well - let the cost (including engraving) be 11 or 12 cents a Copy - I would like it on extra good paper - as good as that I have sent. The Sketch on, - & the same size, Mind. By way of Jones & Co I will

give a nice wide margin - We have an
idea that we will send copies of the newspapers and
ask them to notice it - & I suppose had better also
advertise - Could you undertake to do this - using
your own judgment - & then charge me?

As to the number to get out I should say at least
a thousand - but would it be possible to keep it
up say for a fortnight or three weeks till we get the
first ones circulated - & we should then see how
they are likely to take.

I have sent a postcard to the Toronto Lithographing
Co thereby them up about my pictures & have told
them to send them to you as soon as possible - They
will be I think about 6 by 8 inches in size - & in
that case should occupy each a whole page. I think
for the 15 cents - we should give quite 16 pages of read-
matter in addition to the pictures. But do the
best you can & I shall be satisfied.

The back of the book ought to have all the same
advertisements that were on back of the last Annual
Report - but I will write again about this -

The pictures I have told them to get done & send first
are "Ration day on the Blackfoot Reserve", "Blackfoot Indians
moving camp" "Saulteaux Indians' Camp". "The Village of Elkhorn
Manitoba". "Westward ho!" (train at summit C.P.R.) - These
will also be the Shingwauk - Wawanosh - & Chapel - & the cuts you already
have. You can distribute them through the book as may seem best -

Yours truly
J. Wilson

Nov 24 7

The Rt Rev
The Lord Bishop of Toronto
My dear Lord

Jan Jane Kindly subscribed for 275 Copies of Ch. M. News for 2 or 3 years at 15 cents a Copy named $41.25 per annum.
This amount is now due for the year ending Dec. 187.
We are now changing issue of the paper as follows.
Instead of 8 pages 6 times a year } at price 20 cents.
It will be 8 pages 4 times a year }
" " 4 " " " } at price 35 cents.
If you like to take the same number as heretofore - we will just turn in hand at 25 cents - ie - $68.75 for the 275 Copies
Or I will make you the following offer -

200 Ch. Miss News @ 20	(reg. price 35)	40.00
200 Our Little Children @ 8	(reg price 10)	16.
		$56.00

Or - if you cannot go beyond present figure.

150 Ch. M. News @ 25		37.50
100 O.L.C. @ 8		8
		$45.50

I wish you would order 100 Copies Ch. Miss. Number O.L.C. - we shall sell them at 15 cents - but I will send you 100 for $10 which will be below cost. Kindly let me hear as soon as possible.
Yours sincerely E. F. Wilson

Ross 23 7

My dear Lord—

I have asked I think particularly to write about — but you will perhaps like to know that we are all alive — We had our Thanksgiving service on the day appointed + also prov. Lunch &c. Colds & pains + I have to say and Mr. Osborne $17 3d as the result. I old. think Mr. Osborne had better ackn. his receipts in Jan. No amn. and hear about Mr. Campbell:— He has not sent me as yet any receipts for acknowledgment. The railway is already this side of Garden River — I am said he heard the engine whistle yesterday in the distance — We expect them to reach here in 8 or 10 days. There are only 5 spans of the bridge up yet — it will be fearful cold work for the men work there in the winter. Mr. Sullivan will perhaps like to hear that Mrs. Rebiger has a little daughter — We have resumed our 'Onward & Upward' Club meetings — to night by gone a social to which outsiders are invited). Mr. Callum the new school master is not all that I could wish — work in Robinson's but I hope will improve —

Yrs sincerely

W. McMurray

I will you send an article receiving the [illegible] of Jesus by the Jews.

Dear Sir

Mail just come in - with Rutherford bill for printing to A M Rees - & I would like to hear from you as soon as possible - how we, you with Mr Campbell & Jas for under the new arrangt.

Hitherto - Mr C. has paid for 1800 copies - 6 issues - 10 cents per ann. each copy - namely $180 per ann.

The cost now for the 8 page quarto months is 1⅓ cent each single copy
" " 4 - intermediate . is ⅘ " "

1800 × 1⅓ = $24
Cost & Dis. for 1800 of the quarto months - mailed - $96
1800 × ⅘ = $14.40
Cost & the Dis. for 1800 of the 8 intermediate months. $115.20
$211.20

$211.20 instead of $180.
12 issues in the year instead of 6 issues.

I cannot guarantee as low a price if less than 1800 are supplied; but if you wish to leave the $115.20 for the 8 intermediate months - we will send the prairie copies quarterly &c.

Please let me know as soon as possible

Yours &c
W

Nov. 25th 7

W. Hes. Rutherford
Dear Sir

I have now been completely
thro' our I. M. N. address book (had no time
before) - erased all names of Hons who have not paid up
duig last 3 years - & made out bills for all in arrear.
In the packet I am send you the book post you will find.
1. Slips shewing amount due, to be sent with subscribers papers next issue.
2. List of Hon subscribers who are paid up in full
Total number Copies subscribed for - 1021
All Hon should be marked in your address book so
as to know them from Hons to whom we send gratis.
We shall probably print only 1100 this & intermediate months
& only send 1/4 Quarterly numbers (& pages) gratis.
3 List of names the struck off your list.
4 " of addresses requiring the altered.
When all this is done your books will be in good shape & will
correspond with mine. I should like to have done this before you
Commenced work - but as you know I was away in Montreal.
I am getting out a separate address list for the O.F.C Christmas
number. I send you remainder of Copy yesterday -

Yrs truly
Sir Wm Dawson

I have been yet received back
the medal which I sent you
to engrave from.

Dover 29th 7

My dear Mr. Britton

I have just heard from the S. School Yarmouth N. S. - that they are unwilling to part with Albert Lahey - It was put to the vote - & only 2 out of some 20 classes were willing to make the exchange - I am very sorry for the mistake made in big forward the boy boy - especially as Matthew Sampson was with us at the time - & might just as easily have introduced him -

Will you kindly explain this to the teachers & Scholars. Matthew is an exceedingly well behaved boy & has made rapid progress since he came to us. He is the one that acted as baker in the tableau -

Mr. McCallum is settling in with us - & I hope will get the boys on well - Peter now - I am afraid he is a little deficient in grammar - that is in Conversation - rather wanting also in manners - that is according to Scripture ideas -

Yours sincerely

S. H. Wilson

Nov. 29th 7

J. C. Pilling Esq.

Dear Sir

I have just received your Bibliography Part 2 - the Siouan Languages - and look it over with great interest -

I am still thinking over my plan of getting out some kind of little work which will bring the various tribes of Indians - not only before learned & scientific men - but before the general public - it seems to me such a pity that the many interesting little bits in the Annual Report of the Bureau of Ethnology can be read by so few - & for myself - I have been looking in vain to find a book that will give me a little insight into the history of each Indian tribe - tell me what their number is, where located, to what other tribes related, & a little about their language, manners &c.

Now I have thought - How would it be to take up one tribe at a time in my little monthly paper - "Our Forest children"? Would there be any objection raised by taking extracts from your Annual Report & other books you so kindly lend me - And would there be any chance of my being allowed to borrow books to aid me in getting at the history of a tribe - language &c.

Kindly reply - when you can spare the time -

Yrs very faithfully

S. H. C. Lea

Nov. 29th 7

My dear Mr. Hale

I am still thinking over my plan of getting out some kind of little work which will bring the various tribes of Indians first of before learned & scientific men - but before the general public - I have looked in vain hitherto to find a book that will give me a little insight into the history of each Indian tribe - tell me what their number is - where located, & what other tribes related, & a little about their language, grammar &

Now I have thought how would it be to take up one tribe at a time in my little monthly paper - "our Forest Children"? I might begin with some of the best known - & then if I can succeed in getting Missionaries & others interested in the idea - I might go on & get the particulars I want about the distant tribes of whom my little is at present known.

What do you think of the idea - & would you be willing to aid me a little when you can spare time?

Have you heard any more from the British Association of the project you spoke of last summer?

I am ashamed I have kept your Scotia dictionary so long. I will send it back to remind you when to do so - I suppose the new edition is not yet in print. I hope [illegible] of Oct & Nov A.A.C. I have just sent in MS. [illegible] is finished.

Yr sincere friend
S. F. Wilson

Nov. 29th 7

Rev. Jno P. [illegible]

Dear Sir

I have just received $6 from you [illegible] for which I credit you 8 this month to Dec '98 and 2 Christian Advocates.

Very many thanks to the children for sending me their nice little letters - I am going to publish 2 or 3 of them in the Christian Advocate.

It has long struck me that there is no book at present giving a few particulars about each Indian tribe - their numbers - location - [illegible] - Languages - manners & customs, &c.

I am thinking of taking up one tribe at a time in the Juvenile Children. Would you be willing & could you spare time to assist me a little in this? If so - what tribes are you the most familiar with? I know you are acquainted with the Methodist missionaries further North & could tell me with them I might correspond.

[illegible] - first day opening -

Yours very truly

S. L. Wilson

Dec 2 1 7

Dear Mrs Leal

I perfectly agree with your letter about the board expenses being too high in the presence of the children & David & Johnny - because I consider it all as well as yourself, should help save that food is not wasted -

I am not asking you to give the boys less than they have always had - but simply to keep them as they were kept all last winter & all last summer -

It is of course the first of October that the accounts have been so high. I cannot afford to spend $6 a week more than that is allowed for the board.

You know that I never make any complaints without reason, & am very sorry ever to have to make them.

If I thought the boys could not be kept for the amount allowed I might think about raising it. But I believe the 20 cents each a week is sufficient if economy is used.

The boys seemed to thrive & eat all they got this Spring & Summer - Then there were 53 of them, now there are 43 - & yet you have been having nearly the same quantity of stores. All that I say is that the stores must be reduced in proportion to the number of boys -

Yours truly

S. T. Clover

from $1 to $5

The Editor of "Our Forest Children" offers ~~$1~~ for a good ~~account~~ of not less than ~~nine~~ pages foolscap giving particulars as hereafter specified in regard to either of the following Indian Tribes — viz. the Delawares, Micmacs, Apaches, Oneidas, Pawnees, Tsimpsheans, Munsees, Crees, Chippewyans, Cherennes, Osages, Pueblos.

The above tribes are purposely not put in any particular order. The object is to collect particulars about each known tribe & to put a little account of each in the pages of "Our Forest Children". ~~If two or more contributors send us in papers about one tribe, the best filled paper will be entitled to the $3 and the others will be sent back.~~

Should any of our subscribers be in a position to fill in particulars about some Other Indian tribe not mentioned above, they will please notify us to that effect.

1 Name of tribe. What call themselves. Any other name attached to them
2 Approximate number. Where mostly located - What part of Canada - or the United States. To what stock does the tribe belong? To what other tribes related? What other tribes speak the same, or nearly the same language?
3 Present condition? poor or well off - Style of dwelling - Style of dress. How get their living - Wandering or keeping to one spot. any schools? appreciate education or not? any children go to an Institution?
4 Manufactures - Describe what they make - materials used - & where got.
5 Food - Medicine -
6 Religion - Members of what churches - or still heathen. How long since accepted Christianity? Successful or the reverse? State of morality - Heathen customs or dances still kept up?
7 Marriage family life - Children names.
8 Burial Customs -
9 Traditions, legends &c.

10 Any books published in the language? Any thing been written about them? Where may the books be procured?

11 Grammar.

Give some idea of the grammar of the language. Is there a distinction ~~made~~ made between animate & inanimate objects. Does this distinction affect the verb as well as the noun? Are there two first persons plural in the verb? Are there distinct Adjectives, or are participles used as adjectives? Is there an historical tense? Is the objective pronoun embodied in the verb - thus He loves me (In many Indian languages this is but one word both the pronouns being embodied in the verb). How is the negative formed? How is the interrogative formed? Is there a dubitative form of the verb, showing a doubt on what is spoken? Can a noun be transformed into a verb? Are there any special peculiarities about the grammar not alluded to above?

Note - Little short answers to the above queries would be of little use. The questions are intended merely as a guide. What is wanted is as clear an explanation as possible of the chief grammatical rules connected with the language.

12 Vocabulary Give the Indian for the following:-

Numerals - 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 19. 20. 21 30. 40. 50. 100. 101. 121. 1000.

Man (men) - woman (women) - boy - house (houses) - boat (boats) - water - fire - river - tree - horse - dog - ox - fish - town - Knife - Blanket - Kettle - pipe - money - Yes - no - God - Devil - Heaven - Hell - Indian - White man - American - tobacco (tobaccos) - book - red - blue - white - black - boat - steamboat - bread - meat - my head - my hand - my leg - your leg - his leg - his arm - his arms - Come here! Sit down! Give it to me! It is good. It is bad. Is it good? It is big. It is small. My father. My mother. my son. Sun - moon - star - day - night. to-day. to-morrow. I am hungry. I am sick. I don't know. Do you understand?

I see you - you see me - he sees me. he sees you - I see him.
I love you - you love me - he loves me he loves you I love him.
I tell you - I told you - you told me - he told me.
I dont see you - you dont love me - he did not tell me.
Do you see me? Does he love me - Did you tell him?
I go - you go - he goes - we go - they go.
I went - you went - he went - you will go - he will go.
you will see me if I go. If he goes he will see you.
He will tell you When he comes. I shall not go if I see him.
Come in! Tell me! Don't be afraid! What is that?
Where have you been? Where are you going? How far is it?
Where is your house? It is raining? It is cold. It is
warm. Be quick. I have none. What is the matter?
near - far off. three days - two weeks. four months -
six years. next spring - last winter. What is your name?

Note - It is requested that the following rules for pronunciation be followed. a as in father, e as in they, i as in pique, o as in note, u as in fool, j as in the french word jamais, ch as in Church, dj as in judge. If this pronunciation is not followed, please state how the letters, especially the vowels are to be pronounced. Also please put accent (') on the syllable on which most stress is laid in repeating the word.

It is not expected that all the questions can be fully answered, neither perhaps can all the words & sentences given be translated. Whoever sends in a paper must do his best, & answer all he can. To do the labor for nothing it might be well first to send a post-card stating what tribe your proposed visit about & what proportion of the questions you think you can answer.

address Revd E. F. Wilson
Sault Ste Marie
Ontario.

Dec 1/84

W. Rutherford
Dear Sir

I want 200 of the enclosed
~~to appear at the end of the~~
~~book~~ with some of the
Christian Numbers as a fly leaf.
Will you please have them printed
for me – send me 50 as soon
as ready. When I send you
list of addresses for the Christian
Numbers – I will mark x against
them – I want the fly leaf put into –
If you think it will be better – you
can bind the fly leaf in with 150
Copies – & keep them separate

Yours
S. V. V. Wilson

Dec 3d 7.

Dear Dr. McMonies

In reply to yours just received I shall be very glad to get out of Mary Peter, - but then pick into kind Christian families in Kingston or elsewhere than Rev. Mr. Lamb's Boarding House. I think that this may be one of the good results following our visit - as it has led the ladies see our girls & let the girls see the ladies - as Not any of them Rs sent out as we did not go to complete Strangers. I think if you could find two or three families in Kingston Rs wd. take our girls next summer. I would try & get them to go provided their parents would allow them. The parents are always the chief trouble. Could you not induce some people to take the Christian Number of O. F. C. - I want to get them as widely disseminated as possible. 50 copies for $6.

Yours sincerely -
J. A. Wilson

Our girl Charlotte died a month ago from doctors' fault as $6 a mo. & is great satisfaction.

I am thinking of
his Shipment in
February - & Letter
about 6 days -
would you like
to go.

Sault Ste Marie
Dec. 6 /87

My dear David

I have just got your letter. I was very much pleased with your last school report & glad that you are getting on so well. I sent your School Report to Hon. Thomas White who is at the head of the Indian Dept. asking him if he would give you a position as a clerk in one of the Forestry Offices sometime next Spring. Of course this must depend on whether there is any Office vacant. Try & do your very best in every way - & at the same time be sensible. Remember God gives grace & the benefit. I enclose a Cheque for $10 which Mr. Barton will cash for you & hope you have a very pleasant home for Xmas.

Yr affectionate
J. D. Wilson

Dec. 7

Revd R. Ashton

Dear Sir

Many thanks for visit
at the Bishop Branch. I am very sorry that
I was not at home - otherwise
I should have seen you and have received
you. Would you kindly do me
a favor by letting me be informed of
any intended [illegible] of our [illegible]
[illegible] - Yours &c. - that I
may be present - I have no doubt
of success - but might have my say -

I am with a notice of your Institute in
a religious number of N.Y.C. Extract from N.Y.C.

Yours truly

Revd C. Wilson

Dec 7 ?

My dear Mrs Rixie -

My many thanks for your kind note & Mr Wilson - He received $3.10 (which she has handed over to me) the $3 shall be expended as you say in a pair of boots or Wokkabos. He was not in this morning asking me for a new pair his old ones being quite worn out - so I shall give him the money when he may have for himself. I am very glad you liked the photos - It is I think a very good one. I mean to keep up the idea of forming the boys' associations by writing with from their places in O.V.C. I have sent for proofs of some of the Christmas Numbers O.V.C. & I think perhaps will print & work the 15 cent when I see it. I want to distribute a 1000 I will see if we can get as cards - It could save a little money by

I would send 100 boys addresses at cost price - about 11½ cents each. Yrs very sincerely

F. E. Wilson

Decr 8th 7

Hon. Secretaries
to the Hon. Church Society

Dear Sirs -

I have for 2 months past been considering the advisability of paying a visit to England this Spring & taking some of my Indian boys with me - hoping at meetings. Some few years ago we were receiving upwards of £400 per annum from friends in England towards the support of our work - Now the outside amount that we receive is £360, and yet our work is extending & our expences very much higher than they used to be. It is now 8 years since I was in England & I think in order to keep up the interest among our friends & obtain assistance towards the support of our work it is necessary that I should not delay longer to pay a visit.

I wish to ask Your Honors, as a first step, whether you could visit me & the boys under your auspices - or would prefer my acting quite independently. The chief items to be considered are (1) the cost of crossing the Atlantic with my boys - & then (2) the finding accommodation for them while in England.

I [illegible] first of
[illegible] visit to Salisbury - Having then to

at their work &c. - as we did recently with great success in Ottawa & Montreal. But I think over the expense & risk will be too great & that it will be better to bring only 6 -

The boys I have selected are as follows :-

1 David Mainemince - aged 20 - Ojibway - Native Teacher.
2 Samuel Wasi - " 17 - Sioux - very steady & makes
3 David Wanbdiyapi - " 18 - Ojibway - well educated & capable
4 Joseph Jones - " 14 - Pottawatami - Native Teacher
5 Willie Adams - " 13 - Ojibway - very fair writer.
6 Etukitcin - " 16 - Blackfoot - a heathen, with long plaited hair - grandfather - very bad character.

I think very great interest would be excited by these boys - the 5 first are good singers & would be prepared in parts &c at meeting - the 2 Davids can each make a speech in public either in Indian or English - they would also answer questions on School work or the bible either viva voce or on the Black board - No 6 would bring specimens of his work, & his learning would fail on the black board.

Having stated my case I would ask leave

(1) Is your Committee in favor of my coming?
(2) Would you wish me to act the Secretaries to your agent - your Committee would all the arrangements - take the receipts & bear the expenses -
(3) Without incurring responsibility as to (2) would you assist me in procuring accommodation for the boys & in getting meetings, myself taking the risk & expenses.

(4) Would you write me a fixed sum – say for one months' services in London during which time you would make all the necessary arrangements for me – & your responsibility would cease at the end of the month?

(5) Could you make any Special terms for me – either with the Steam Ship Line, so as to cross the Atlantic as cheaply as possible – myself (& perhaps a child of 7 with me) cabin & the 6 Indian boys steerage.

I should mention that I have communicated with my sister Mrs Martin – with Mr Malaher of Compton House, & with Mr Halson Whitmarsh of Wight. In all cases who has been helping us for a long time writes very warmly. And I am inclined to think that if we come it would be well (as a steam saving expense) to confine ourselves to London & the Isle of Wight.

My idea is to reach England about the 15th of March & to remain in England 2 months.

As an explanatory Step – I am about to write three successive letters to the "Record". The 1st will draw attention to the Indians of Canada, the need that exists for more than done for them &c. The 2d will compare the extensive work now going on in the States compared to the little done in Canada. The 3d will offer plans for the extension of our work & announce my intended visit to England with 6 of my boys. ask for meetings to be arranged &c – & before sending the No 3 I would like to hear from you by letter or wire if you will undertake the arrangements for me.

If the Committee of Christian Friends by coming it might be

well to telegraph - If - on the other hand - your
approval of the Scheme, would you kindly write
to the Doctor I have named - so that all may be
arranged in concert.

Remain
Yours faithfully -
Edward L. Wilson

I am sending you a sketch of the park I took in
Montreal - With the names of 5 boys marked -
the Man was not in the group.

Decr 8th 7

Dear Lois -

I have read & weighed your letter - & the result is to enclose - which will explain itself. Mr. Malahan & Mrs Malahan have both written encouragingly -

If it can be arranged for me to come - perhaps bringing Keith as a little companion - he will be 8 years old in February - I think you & Enid will like to have him between you - & for myself I suppose I shall be moving about with my boy. I shall not be burdensome to you. The whole matter now rests with the C.C.C.S. If they send an unfavourable reply - I shall decide not to come.

I am sending Mrs Malahan & Mr. Malahan letters of the enclosed so that all may act in concert.

We are very sorry to hear Enid's account of dear Lucy. I hope she may be spared for me to see her again & look to the day when for me to come to England.

My brother Lance is returning auspiciously - a splendid fellow for boys & girls - he works & games in the evening. The railway is now a 'fait accompli' - & the bridge across the main road completed -

In love to you

C. L. Wilson

Dec. 8th 7

My dear Mrs Nelson -

I have received your kind letter - & am now trying to make arrangements for a visit to England - & arrive about March 15 - stay 2 months - & bring with me my youngest dear Keith now 8 years old - & six Indian boys.

Enclosed is an abstract from a letter which I have had addressing to the Secretaries of the C.C.C.S.

I am also sending copies of it to Mr Malcolm of the "Mission Diaries Association" & my sister Mrs Martin, as I let all my act in concert.

I would not mind risking the expense of crossing the Atlantic with the 6 boys. if only I could be sure of accommodation for them & meet a reward for us.

It must depend I think on the letter I decide to come to England with the idea.

Yours very sincerely
S. L. Wilson

I am sending you a photo of the 30 Indian children I took to Montreal & Ottawa. In the centre am myself & daughter Winnie (standing) - & I have marked the boys I propose taking with me.

Subscribers to O&C on Dec 7/87 — 323
Entitled to Copies — " — 583
as in List already sent — new — 25
Send to Mr Wilson — 50
Keep in Reserve — 44
Print — 1000

Dr Mrs. Rutherford Dr Sir Have sent you new list at once — do not you may have misunderstood in your address book. I hope I am making it all sufficiently clear for you —
All gratis copies of O&C. now cease — & you divide the 1000 as above 323 subscribers, 583 to supporters of our work who are entitled to them, 50 to myself, 44 to keep in Reserve. 1000 will be enough to print for January. After that we must I expect print more. Yrs truly E. L. Wilson

Dec 9/87

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Dr Sir — Above is list of those who have paid for Chinese Nos. O&C. & you will please mail to them as soon as printed. To those marked × please send also the fly leaf containing questions on Indian tribes. In a day or two I will send you 350 names to whom to send these Numbers gratis. I will cite

Print Xmas Nr 1000
165
350 515
485
Send to Wilson 50
Keep at office 435
1000 printed.

Yrs truly E. L. Wilson

March 2nd 7

Dear Bro. Malan

I am enclosing you abstract of a letter I have written by the direction of the C.C.C.S. in regard to my proposed visit to England - I am also sending copies of my letter to Mrs Martin, & to our friend Mrs Malan in the hope of visit. The letter has written me warmly urging our visit. Can you kindly when you have time communicate with Mrs Martin & the C.C.C.S when that can be done about arrangements for meeting me. I would not mind the expense of crossing the Atlantic with the 6 boys. If only I could be sure of accommodation for them & meeting us on reaching London - If then this cannot be arranged it will be better to give up the idea of coming.

Yours sincerely

S. J. Wilson

Dec 6th 7

To the Editor of the Record.

Sir

Will you kindly allow me a little space in your columns to bring the matter of Indian Civilisation and education before your readers very many of whom I believe are possessed of a spirit of Philanthropy. It must I think be very generally known now in England that a comparatively new country for settlers has been opened up during the last year or so in the vast North West through the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The natural consequence of the invasion of the prairie by White settlers is the driving back of the aborigines, the original owners of the soil, or the shutting them up in narrow confines known as 'Indian Reserves'. The Railway in its progress Westward cuts first of all through the barren Districts North of Lake Superior which has long been the home of the Ojibways, the Lake being called by them the 'Great Ojibway Lake'; then it skirts along Rainy River & Lake of the Woods on towards Winnipeg passing numerous Ojibway camps & old established C.M.S. mission Stations on either side. On its way through Manitoba it disturbs the homes & haunts for ever

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the old time way of living of 10.000 Indians, — Crees, Saulteaux & Ojibways, — then it travels for the great North West territory, the great prairie region, stretching from the Western boundary of Manitoba, ~~eight hundred~~ miles to the Rocky Mountains, — there, through the vast region, and scattered some 20.000 Indians, — Crees, Chipewyans, Assiniboines, & Sioux, and as it approaches the mountains it drives right through the land of the Blackfeet, Sarcees, & Stonies, 32.000 in number & all Indians, while a little to the North and South of Sarcees and Stonies then crossing the Rockies, it invades the territory of some 38.000 Indians in British Columbia, & so reaches the Pacific Coast.

In the whole of Canada there are estimated to be 129.000 Indians, of these 18.000 are found in Ontario, 12.000 in Quebec, 4000 in New Brunswick & Nova Scotia, 28.000 in British Columbia & the remainder in Manitoba & the North West.

I suppose there are no native tribes in any part of the world that have created more interest among civilized people than the North American Indians; books of romance & children's story books are generally filled with tales of their exploits, & such words as wigwam, moccasin, tomahawk & tomahum I suppose are well known in every English

their household; the tall lithe figures of the men, their keenness as hunters their stoical indifference to suffering, their fantastic yet graceful style of dress, their powers of oratory, - all these things have been written & spoken about so often, that the Noble red man of the North American forests has come the better known than probably any other aboriginal nation.

But the advance of civilisation, and bravery, is work great havoc among these poor untutored people. Instead of their condition becoming bettered, as it ought to be, by the advance of a Christian ~~people~~ nation, it is being sadly lowered & corrupted in every way. Not only have we deprived them of their homes & hunting grounds & left them in an almost starving condition, so that the Government has been obliged to issue rations to them to keep them alive, but we have introduced our civilized vices among them, - made prostitutes of their women & drunkards of their men. In the Indian villages where formerly quietness & contentment reigned the peace is too often now broken by drunken howl & English curses, there is card playing & gambling with English cards & English coin. I do not wish to unjustly that no efforts have been put forth to Christianize & educate these poor people. There are I know many self denying missionaries labouring hard in their midst, many ~~of~~ working little native stations dotted here & there throughout the Country. Many I know of these poor people have been captured into Christ's fold & become earnest consistent members of his Church. In addition to the regular work of the missionary, I feel that there is a conscience in the heart of the English ~~nation~~ which needs the arousing, I feel that there is a need

to point out the SIN & the SHAME of a system
ration as ours is depriving these poor Indians of their
forests & hunting grounds, shutting them up with the narrow
confines of the Indian Reserves, & NOT TAKING STEPS
& put them in the way of gaining an honest living & becoming
useful members of society if they are capable of so doing.
The work that I want done inaugurated in this country is
a work similar to that which is being so successfully carried
on in many parts of England on behalf of the waifs & strays
of your great overcrowded cities. For these poor little waifs
& strays you build Comfortable Homes & Schools & put the
where they may be taught & cared for & as they grow up
instruct them in trades & put them in the way of gaining their
own livelihood; & all this is done by earnest Christian people
who while caring for the bodies of these poor little outcasts
care also for their souls & instruct them in God's truth.
Now this is exactly what we want done for the Indian
children of Canada. Already a little commencement
has been made, - but it is hard uphill work. So few
are those who seem to care for the Indians. In Canada
people are impatient with them, & envy them the little plots
of land which they still possess, & probably, if the truth were
told would in many instances be glad to see every Indian
swept away out of the country. - and in England - Well
in England - people say there are so many claims - &
they say that a prosperous young Country like Canada
ought to be able to provide for its own poor. And then
the poor Indian is in danger of being left to wander
on still - a helpless aimless [illegible] - because there is not
a good Samaritan ready to turn aside from the beaten

[illegible] I have a Reserve of land in his power of disposal. I must not take up more of your space now. In another letter I will tell you with all how we should work how our neighbors across the border are trying themselves to do far more for the Indians than we are doing in Canada - & have already some 30 or more large institutions where the young Indians are received & clothed & educated & fitted for leading useful & Christian life. It is just such a work as this that I am desirous of seeing inaugurated here in Canada.

Yours faithfully.

Edward F. Wilson

The Editor of the Record

Dear Sir

I trust you will kindly give insertion to the above - & I intend to follow it if you will allow me with two more letters - allowing that a fortnight between each - the last one to contain the announcement that I hope to visit England about the middle of March & bring with me 5 or 6 educated Indian boys from my Shingwauk Home. I am at present in communication with the C.C.C.S. on the subject - & cannot decide about my visit until I hear from them.

Yours very faithfully

E. F. Wilson

Will you kindly notice the Shingwauk Home

Decr 8 7

W. M. F. Roman Esq:

Dear Sir

I was very thankful to receive your letter + enclosure of $12.50 + to learn that you had not forgotten us - I think some ladies expressed a wish to have Maggie Crawley a young sister of Harriet Crawley (one of the big girls who went with us to Montreal) Maggie is a good little girl about 11 years old - particular attention at Sunday School lessons + tries to answer - Her home is at Blind River on the North Shore of Lake Huron - Your pay not for her will date from Decr 1st each quarter being payable in advance.

Yours very truly

Edwd F. Wilson

I hope the Lakes + Rivers intend to follow in your steps + undertake support of children - If you must say below in Otter Islands will you kindly remind them.

Dec. 13th 7

Mr. Jno Taylor
Dear Sir

I have gone carefully through your account & also made full enquiries of how it received the meat during my absence in Montreal –

Before I went away as you know we were having from #7 to #8 worth of meat each week. While I was away with 20 boys I expected it would be less –

but week ends	Oct 8th per tickets came to	#14	28
	Oct 8 " "	7	84
	Oct 15 " "	10	90
	Oct 22 " "	10	63

And you also have charged me #7 00 over and above what is on the tickets. Mr Leal & Mary both say that we never had any such quantity of meat – & I do not see how you can expect me to pay it. I have always said that I would pay for what was on the tickets. Yours truly

L. H. Wilson

W. L. Mahon
Dr. Sir

I am not intending to buy any new stock for the boot & shoe business - we always buy in all we need before winter begins -

I also give you notice that I shall not require your services after February 1st.

Yrs truly
T. J. Wilson

W. James Butterick
Dr. Sir

I must ask you to remit the amt of your account which has been so long overdue for Lumber $17.10 deducting your charge for making screen -

If not paid at once I shall put it with a lawyer's hands for collection -

Yrs truly
T. J. Wilson

Dec. 13 /

The Editor of the Evangelical Churchman
Dear Sir

I have just received your issue of the 8th inst. and have read the Bishop of Saskatchewan's condemnation of my scheme for an Indian Home at Banff. I think any one reading that letter would imagine that I was trying to force my way in where I was not wanted & to interfere with work that is being carried on by other missionaries. Let me briefly refer to the circumstances which under God's providence led me first to think of establishing Branch Homes in the North West. (1) It was at the time of the Riel rebellion that my thoughts were led hither, & I was under the impression that there were no institutions of any kind for Indian children in those regions at that time except under the Romanists (2) Encouraging letters from missionaries in the field & a desire to extend my own knowledge of the Indian question & to visit different tribes led me to joining Kitto and (3) I took with me letters of introduction to various missionaries from the Bishop of Rupert's Land & the Bishop of Qu'Appelle (4) All at the first outset seemed to be favorable & encouraging (5) A gentleman living in Manitoba offered me $1000 towards establishing a Branch Home in his neighborhood. Thus it seemed to me that Almighty

hand was distinctly pointed me to extend my work among the Indian children & the regions beyond.

Two things just now seem to me the militating against the immediate carrying out of my plans. (1) The Government is at present engaged in drawing up a new scheme for the extension of educational work among the Indians & the establishment of several new Institutions (2) There seems to be a secret Combination antagonistic to the extension of my work.

As to the first - I am in communication with the Head of the Indian Department both at Ottawa & at Regina & am prepared to modify my plans as may seem best, but I am strongly urging a point which has proved itself to be of great importance in the States, & that is that Institutions should not be built in close contiguity to the Indian Reserves from which the children are taken, but a long distance away.

As to the second - If there are a number of devout men who honestly in their hearts believe that my plan for extending my work among the Indian children is neither wise or good or likely to improve their welfare & who believe that they are doing God's work by trying to thwart me & to discourage me from carrying my plans out, then I thank God for the timely interference, & trust that I may be led clearly to see my mistake, — but I want to understand first the motive for this antagonism before withdrawing from my position.

I would like just to add that all the Missionaries - laboring among the Indians within the Toronto Diocese, Ontario Diocese, Huron, Algoma, Rupert's Land, Qu'Appelle or Saskatchewan, so far as I have had the pleasure of making their acquaintance, are my warm friends, & have given me every encouragement both to take pupils from their missions to my Homes at Sault Ste Marie & also to extend my work; our strength I believe must lie in united effort & to that end that I am working.

Yours faithfully
Edward F. Wilson

Dec 14 7

Dear Mr Henderson -

Our Branch Home at Ickburn in Manitoba - which cost $1350 - with accommodation for Superintendent & wife & 16 Indian children - is now almost completed & can be ready to send early in March. We also have I think sufficient on hand & promised to furnish it.

Will the Women's Auxiliary of Montreal now take it in hand & send and pay a lady to take charge - just in the same way as the Toronto Auxiliary sent Miss Brown to Blackfoot crossing.

We have no funds at present for maintenance - and until some one will take it up in this way I do not see how we can make a beginning.

I believe in small beginnings with prayer for God's blessing - & then gradually upward progress.

If you will find a lady - & raise $500 a year I think we can make a beginning. I would suggest sending 2 big girls from our Broadview Home & take say 6 girls & 4 little boys under 12 from the Reserves & the neighborhood. For the support of the individual children I will ask help from Sunday Schools. I will answer any questions your Cadies want to know -

Yrs very sincerely S. H. Wilson

Dec. 15/07

W. Jno Rutherford -

Dear Sir

I am send'g you by mail copy for A.M. new & O.K.C. for January.

The Bishop tells me he is send'g you some other matter for A.M.R. & also the Diocesan Record. as I think you will have enough.

I am also send'g you an envelope full of clippings for A.M.R. & another one filled for O.K.C. - Keep them separate. Let me know when you want more.

Please print 1200 O.K.C. for January & Subscribers 337 - Exhibit Copies 583 - new free list 100 = 1020.

of these copies - and 50 to me - & keep 130 in Reserve.

The new free list contains 100 names is in the packet of O.K.C. copies - It is intended for this issue only. Then put it by till I want it again.

With the A.M.R. copy you will find a list of 13 new subscribers -

5 addresses to be altered -
15 bills to be cancelled.
6 cleared subscribers.

Please print 2900 for the A.M.R.

Subscribers -	1028
Gratis -	1800
Mr. Wilson -	22
Kept in reserve -	50 2900.

For the February No. 1100 only will be wanted as no copies will be sent gratis - & it will be only 24 pages -

Yours truly S. F. Wilson

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Dear 14th 7

Mrs B. Jones

Dear Madam

I was very pleased to receive your letter of the 18th Nov. ending 25 cts for "Our Forest Children".

I am anxious to spread this little paper as widely as possible among all who are interested in Protestant Indian work. As Not all my work letter & Know & Act each Missionary.

The Christmas Number will be out in a few days - & you will receive one Copy of that - & the monthly for the year.

Had a pleasant visit & the Rev. Jno. Macdougall's missionary at Morley last Thursday - & he & his employees subscribe to our paper.

I shall be very glad if when you can find time you will send me an account of our School how it originated &c - & visit in O.F.C. Just a simple homely account -

Yrs sincerely

S. T. Wilson

Dec. 17th 7

My dear Mr. Murray.

Your kind letter enclosing $23 50 on Captain Wanklyn's account just received. I am so sorry to hear of your ill health & that you are on that account going to Cathedral.

I am with friends in England at present & take 5 or 6 Indian boys over there on a 3 mos. visit to end of next February. It is uncertain whether I shall be able to do it, — but if I do — I had thought of taking in Nova Scotia & New Brunswick on the way — & sailing from Halifax.

Will you talk it over with Dr. Lyall — Would a visit at that time be acceptable —? & could he [illegible] for us —? In Montreal & Ottawa our services were taken in public houses & this seemed to be no prejudice. I think we might spend a week in N.B. & a week in N.S. — but at present I only want to know how you feel & what he thinks about it.

Yrs sincerely

S. H. Wilson

The train has actually reached here now & there is no obstacle to forward freight.

Dec. 17th 7

My dear Mr. Balfour Clarke –

I am writing to friends in England with view of taking 5 or 6 Indian boys over there on a 3 months visit towards the end of February. It is uncertain when I shall be able to do it –, but if I do – I had thought of taking in New Brunswick & Nova Scotia – sailing from Halifax.

Will you talk it over with your friends – Would a visit at that time be acceptable? & could the boys be put up? – In Montreal & Ottawa our pupils were taken into people's homes & there did not seem to be any prejudice. I think we might spend a week in N.B. & a week in N.S. – but at present I only want to know what the feeling would be about it.

Yours sincerely –

E. Wilson

Dec. 17 /

My dear Dr Bateman

I am writing to friends in England with view to taking 5 or 6 Indian boys over there on a 3 months trip towards the end of February.

Should I decide on going - would you advise my taking Savia as a specimen? Has she had any practice in Speaking in Public - reciting - or singing at any of your fêtes? And if I were to take him should I have to pay in full for the current term or would any reduction be allowed.?

Now you know mine -

Kindly let me know

Yr sincerely -

S. H. Wilson

Dec 18 7

D. A. Macrae Esq
Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of 29th Nov. (only received today) - I am sending you 2 more of the Blackfoot boys - one for yourself & one for the Governor. As that he can forward the one already sent for to be kept at the Blackfoot Agency -

I would like to get 10 or 12 more Blackfoot boys & our Home next summer & of the parents will let them come. The only difficulty is the expense - about $30 a head.

The 2 I have now I intend taking back there next June as I promised to do so. They leave for on Wednesday & seem quite happy here.

"Our Forest Children" is the only paper we publish in behalf of the Indians, the other one 'Algoma Missionary News' is only about Missionary work in Algoma.

Yours sincerely
E. F. Wilson

Decr 19th 7

My dear Mr Rowsell

The Bp of Rupert's Land has just written to me privately in regard to the St Peter Mission.

I think I may tell you, with much confidence, that the Post Master is not the at Oak River. And Mr Lett objection (in this respect) to the mission on Indian Reserve.

I am not with the Bishop - though sorry - that he should withdraw his countenance from it. & that we should all jointly recommend to Post & Plans the substitution of St Peters.

In that case (if thought desirable) a new site might be selected, or additional land added to the 160 already secured. I would not contend for its being a branch of the Mission work - or for exercising any authority - & I would suggest Mr Burman as a useful Lay Reader. I would also do what I could by such means to obtain assistance & help the work as it does our Mission work.

Hope the Bishop will write to you fully on this.

If not - I shall write to the Bishop - I shall continue my friendly Interest in Oak River as a small field - as a

feeder to the Huisdrank. And I am applying to the Women auxiliary, to send us a Lad to Lotta Change & make a beginning. I suggest Canada as the 2 trained girls from the Nawarank & Lotta 6 girls & 6 boys (under 12) from the neighborhood & may I make a beginning. The Women's auxiliary bears $500 a year towards salary & general expenses.

This is her matter & only at present

(per mail)

Yours &c. Nelson

Wazi Ollijela can be at Lac qui Parle well — & the mistress may remain in camp, when

Decr 18th 7

My dear Lad

I have just received ya letter & thank you very much for writ so fully. Now I know your time is more than occupied -

I am afraid from the Bishop of Saskatchewan's letter in the Evangelical Review that my motives in establishing branch Homes in the North West have been misunderstood the looks upon me as an evident & an intruder interfering with exist^g work - But you will remember how careful I was at the outset to communicate with the Bishop & myself before I took any steps at all - And I received kind letters both from yourself & Bishop Anson - commending my work & sanctioning me based on your misunderstanding.

You also, in your letter, laid special stress on the fact that you wd wish^d to take all responsibility in the matter, ya own diocese being as overburden^d as not -

Acting on this - I have been trying to collect funds with a view to establish a Branch Home in your diocese. I have got as yet only £61 in a small kind capable of taking about 16 (quite need completed).

I have applied to the Colonial Assistance towards [illegible] I have no application [illegible] but they are unable

I am now assisting two of the Branches of the Women's
Association - the Girls Home was undertaken by me
in the Spring - with 2 trained girls from the Rawards &
help has - & take about 6 girls & the boys (under 12)
from the neighborhood by way of making a beginning - the
Women's Association to raise $500 a year towards
salary & general support. For support of Indian
children - they [illegible] either Post Grant (of Penn) or the Reno
Schools.

I think it would be disastrous to Mr Roswell &
Reno as the El Reno Home - as he is giving as much towards
it & will no doubt do more & talk in the future.

If you don't know the Post Institution at Oak Point - its
difficulty that I complained of in my last letter is I
think removed.

Penn need not be a small Institution - such as it
present constituted I regard it simply as a feeder to
our Shawnee Home - & I don't think it would interfere
with any New Institution you might establish hereafter
by there not too near to each Other -

I would like you Home at the Conference - that you
Committee & yourself should unite with me in recommending
El Reno & the Department as the most desirable Point
for the proposed Institution - In that case a new site
near it (if thought desirable) be selected - or just the Site

[illegible] via — [illegible] Institution would

Its advantages would mainly be —

(1) Jas would have Mr Roswell's co-operation — & this (residing here permanently as he does) is I think not to be despised.

(2) Jas would bring all my existing machinery — connection with Sunday Schools — publications &c — into play — in connection with the work

If Jas could agree to this — I would very strongly recommend that Mr Barman be made the Principal of the Institution — and I would not ask for it to be called a Branch of the Sunday work — or for myself to have any authority whatever in its management.

All that I really desire is that any Church of England Institution that is established in Manitoba or the North West should [illegible] — (3) That the little Paper Jas publishes "Our Young Children" — should be a medium of communication — a means of keeping up interest in each Sister's work — & of stirring up interest among outsiders.

(3) That I should be permitted about once a year to visit York a few days at any of the Institutions in connection therewith.

(4) That a few pupils should be occasionally despatched from here to the Sunday Home.

The first & main object we have in view is to learn the Indian question — by which I mean to study the habits of every tribe — to collect material about the language of each — & compare one with another — And that is mainly the reason why I want to place a few of each tribe into the Sunday Home. I do not seek authority or responsibility indeed I would rather be without it. If Jas carry out these plans — I will do all I can to help Jas — [illegible] Jas & Sisters

"Jas and Jas 2 Photos of the party I took to Montreal & Jas myself — I for Mr Barman (whenever you can send them)

C. L. Nelson

Dec 15 7

The Editor 'Church Guardian'.-

Dr Sir

Kindly let me have
your acct for Advertg "Our Forest Children"-
I think I said '3 insertions only'-

I have ordered a copy of the Christmas number
to be sent you- & shall esteem it a favor if
you will make some notice of it-

Yrs truly

S. J. Wilson

Dec. 20 7

R. W. Hayles Esq.

Dear Sir

Your letter tells me that Sir H. W. Hoyles has most kindly contributed $20 to our work this year — his gift reached me. Please thank him very much for his kindness. Of this amt $10 will be applied as you direct to our Branch Homes fund. We have already completed (on mail 20) the first of the Branch Homes at Elkhorn in Manitoba. & I am trying to get one of the Branches of the Women's auxiliary to take it up & provide for its maintenance. My idea is to start in a small way with a lady as leader & Supt. - about 8 girls & 4 boys (under 12) - 2 of the girls must be trained ones from the Wawanosh. Inasmuch the Lady.

The Copies of O. H. C. & Times Number I understand are for yourself - & shall be sent to your address -

Yours sincerely -

S. T. Wilson

Decr 28th 7

My dear Mr. Alcott

Very many thanks for your kind letter - enclosing $50 for our Indian Homes collected at the annual service of S.S. Children & Teachers at the Temple. It is [illegible] to see any kind of interest in our work & to be so ready to help us. I was just over in the midst of a communication & side tracked so cannot write as fully as I would wish to, but I will send you a packet of our papers for [illegible] and our Christmas number of "Our Forest Children" as soon as published - I wrote a day or two ago to Mr. Murray - telling him that I had some thought of going to England with 5 Indian boys in February - & if so would probably come by way of Halifax & might spend a week in Nova Scotia. I should like to hear what such a visit would be accomplished & when time would be any difficulty in getting the boys released [illegible] - I should be two weeks.

Yours very truly
S. H. Writer

Dec. 20 7

Rev. R. C. Jambe
Dear Sir

I have received your letter of Dec. 14th. Wt a kind contribution from work from pus Ministering Children league. Your letter contains $1 bill + 30 cents in stamps. I think there must be some error about this as you mention $2. Have not you forgotten your letter & fancy our young friends will take more interest in reading our new little paper "Our Christ Children" which is all about Indians - & are sent at instead of Olympia Missionary News. The latter paper is 35 cents per annum. O.C. 10 cents. Christmas number of O.C. 15 cts. I am sending you one Christmas number & 2 copies O.C. for the year. If you wish for Ch. Missionary News enclose kindly send 35 cents.

Yours sincerely
C. H. Wilson

Dec. 22 7

Thanks for the $ I will account the number shortly

My dear Mr. Allen

With your strong recommendation I shall be very sorry if Mrs. Osborne & would be quite willing to pay the salary you mention - although I do not see necessary that we have been pressing - but we shall certainly have no objection to her keeping the $ if she could find any one who will keep the two following:

(1) To take entire charge of a small institution at Elkhorn in Manitoba. I hope to send 2 married couples from the Home early - & to take 6 girls & 4 boys (under 12) - Sioux - a Cree Indians - from the neighborhood. That will be 12 pupils in all. Must have no connection with the Women's auxiliary in Ottawa or Montreal (nor expect salary.

(2) But I am thinking of offering the post to Mrs. Bleiler our present Lady Supt at the Wawanosh - & if Mrs. Bleiler accepted it, then the Wawanosh wd be vacant.

I cannot at present pledge myself to offer either of these posts - as of course it must depend on circumstances - but I wd like to know which of the 2 posts Mrs. O. wd prefer - & whether it is likely she will still be open engagement in the Spring. If so I may

Dec. 22 /

My dear Mr. Sutton

Your letter just received. Mr. Wilson I think will take you a few lessons a day or two days — We all felt much for you in the preachers room. Most which you had been called to pass.

I am sorry to inform that some of my Branch of the Women's association should take up our Branch House at Elkhorn in Manitoba which is now almost completed — & will be ready to send out in Spring.

I have written to Mr. Henderson of Montreal & asked him to lay the matter before the Montreal Branch & would advise if you will do the same in Ottawa.

The Elkhorn House cost $1350 — & to accommodate for a Superintendent & wife & 16 Indian children we have many sufficient — i.e. nearly sufficient — in hand for furnishing.

It was built mainly through the influence of Geo. H. Rowand a resident — & while at Elkhorn — I gave as you will remember $1000 towards it. Mr. R. also subscribed a little Indian boy — at $75 per annum in our Hay Creek House. Mr. R. will I believe be in Montreal in the course of a few days. I left it about $52. Balance of interest is to be given.

I feel I should have written before — but I have been to see the services of a Lady Missionary undertaken by the [illegible] Church — & since then the [illegible] is over

(2) To send with him 2 trained girls from the Warwarsh Home to his help.

(3) To receive 6 girls & 4 boys (under 12) from the Kiskpatchwan

And then make at once a small beginning

for support - I would ask the Women's Auxiliary to raise $500 per annum. Which will pay the Lady's salary ($250) & board - fuel &c &c - & for support of Individual children - I will depend on the Sunday Schools & personal grant - as we do now at the Shingwauk.

The Question may arise - What does the Bishop of Rupert Land say about it? Is he in favour? In this I will reply that it has been entered into the Bishop's concurrence & upon which fact I have been acting - & correspondence shows it is done so on behalf of all.

The Bishop is at present engaged with the Mohawks on the Grand River & will have his hands fully occupied & part of next year - & the difficulty in finding a suitable site. I am trying to induce them to commence with my work - that is at Elkhorn but it is at present uncertain. & in the meantime the last Knife is to be in readiness at the Elkhorn school which is almost built - & I think it will be quite feasible to carry it on in the way I have suggested. In a wide district like Manitoba there is plenty of room for 2 or more Protestant Institutions for Indian children indeed I wish there were 10. I know. In the United

States Here are 70 Institutions, & the majority of them large ones & flourishing Ones.

Here as to a Lady taking charge.

You enclose a letter from a Miss Thompson

Perhaps it would be well to let her Not know I have said in the letter of the Alton School - that Miss Ellen would be capable & undertake the charge. She would have entire control & have to manage every thing besides the School duties.

By almost the same mail I received a letter from Revd R. Anderson of Brantford recommending me another Lady. Miss Weir would be in every way qualified.

Again - I have thought how we should be to support the present Lady of the Mansion House Mr Bliss & undertake the rent. She & Mrs - a capital manager - & I think could well undertake it - if we should both do so - (& then of them the applicant & take the House) But the first thing is to find the means - to those dear ones I would like to ascertain Mr Anderson - and Mr Brown's residence in Ottawa & Montreal in the

been Combined - will better suit the work If they will - the next Step will be to fix with the details & select one lady.

Yrs very sincerely -
S. H. Wilson

I have asked the Dutch. Department to grant $60 a head for Arizona for 8 boys & $40 a head for 6 girls from the 1st April next.

Would Major Sutton try & push this with Mr. White. When I applied for this grant (October 61) it was with the idea of having a Gentleman & wife placed in Charge & to take nine boys & girls. If the Dept. make the full grant asked for, it would probably be best to do this, but I am afraid there is not much chance of it, & the best way the plan will I think be is to adopt the suggested with a Lady in Charge & 8 boys & 4 girls.

If you think of going to Portland would you send this letter on to Mr. Henderson as soon as you can.

Dec. 22nd 7

The Editor of the Record

Sir

With your kind permission I would like to address a few more words to your readers on behalf of the poor down trodden Indians of Canada. And in this letter (as I said in my last) I will try to shew how far more generous & wise the Indians are now being dealt with across the border, in the United States, than they are with us.

In the States - President Cleveland has taken up their cause. Here are memorable words of his recently, the President of the United States - "The Conscience of the people demands that the Indians, within our boundaries, shall be fairly and honestly treated as Wards of the Government, and their education and civilization promoted with a view to their ultimate citizenship." I know there has long existed an idea that the Indians were entirely better treated in Canadian soil than in the State; the idea probably in England even now is that the Indians after being hunted from place to place & shot down like wild animals by the cruel Americans seek a harbour of refuge for themselves in Canada. This State of things may have existed & probably did exist in the past, but it is no longer so. The American Government

250,000 Indian people. The President, on behalf of the American nation, demanded that it shall be fairly and honestly dealt with & that steps be taken to educate & civilise them, & to fit them for becoming citizens of the United States. And to effect all this the necessary machinery has been set in motion. The Government is at work. The people are at work. The Churches are at work. The heart of the American people has been aroused on behalf of this down trodden ill used race. They are no longer to be driven away as savages from the homes of the settlers. They are no longer to be forced to remain by themselves in those great prison houses called Indian Reserves. They are no longer to be an alien people their hand against every man & every man's hand against them. They are no longer to retain their own languages & to be educated only by missionaries. The American President, the American Government, the American people have decreed that the Indian shall no longer exist as a separate people but shall be received into the Commonwealth, that all the advantages without monopoly by the White settlers shall now be his, that he shall be welcomed as a brother & become a part of the American nation. To effect this great and generous enterprise steps have already been taken. Built of all material individual schools have been built & are maintained entirely by the benevolence of Christian people by religious societies. In my last letter I spoke of one being some 30 or 40 large institutions for Indian children in the States but when I said so I meant one with a capacity for 150 or more pupils. There are in all 104 Indian institutions in the States, the smallest of them having accommodation for 20 boarders & the largest for

boo. I have myself visited some of these large Institutes; and it indeed stirred my soul to see these dusky children of the forest clad in neat uniform, their faces all so bright & clean, & so intelligent looking. No expence seemed to be spared to meet the desired end; - the class rooms all so well equipped, - the teachers kind & earnest & devoted to their work, comfortable bedrooms heated by steam, meals well cooked & served, every facility for teaching from 10 or 12 trades: - and the boys made to do double duty by being furnished to the Indians on the Reserve thus serving as a strong incentive to the old people to send their children to the place where so many useful things would be taught them. And then when the children leave these Institutions they are encouraged to go out & live with the White people rather than to return to their old homes. There is such an Institution at Carlisle School in Pennsylvania, during the last year there went out no many as 300 children to live with the White farmers in the neighborhood. Thus the race prejudice is fast worn down; the Indian children learn to like the White people, and warm kind heart like ready to help them along, the White people find that these Indian pupils are capable learning as fast as the boys & girls of their own race. make friends with their children. The School authorities are in constant communication with the White people who have taken these pupils into their homes, and by reports then behaviour & the very few exceptions to report are very favorable. Of a boy to report is so ambitious to help forward his ambition to be a good head waiter; & spends his spare time reading and improving himself, - and of a boy - who does very well, and expects if doing any work on a farm; a good

industrious boy: Such & such like are the reports annually received of the progress & conformo.

Now why may we not have such a work as this in Canada? Why may we not aim to make Canadians our 129,000 Indians even as they are now aiming to make Americans of them in the United States? If Indian children after receiving a few years training at an industrial school are acceptable as work men & maid servants at the farm houses in the States why may they not be made to be equally acceptable among the farming population in Canada? A few years ago they were treated as an alien people, a people incapable of improvement, a people scarcely human by the Americans; but all is changed, & every effort is being made to fit them for citizenship. How did this work begin? What brought about this great change? It began with a few earnest, determined individuals who, tho almost the whole nation against them, pressed on & persevered knowing that the cause they were advocating was a just one & a right one. and at length they gained the ear of the people. and at length they touched the conscience of the people; the great American heart was touched & the President from his high eminence declared that the Indians must be treated with justice & honesty that his education & civilization must be pressed with a view to his ultimate citizenship. Then the government machinery was set in motion, & now upwards of a million dollars per annum of public money is being expended solely on the elevating and educating of the American Indians.

I appeal through your columns to the philanthropic both in England & Canada on behalf of the Canadian Indians. So long as the people do not care what becomes of them it is not likely

but the Government will do so. The Government & not the voice of the people. We want a Lord Shaftesbury to stir the people's conscience on behalf of this down trodden race. We want to hear from our English courts as was heard from the White house at Washington - "the conscience of the nation demands that Indians on English soil shall be justly & honestly treated & their education & civilization promoted with a view to their ultimate citizenship." I am afraid I must crave space for one more letter in which to tell what still has already been accomplished towards the desired end, & to define more plainly what are the plans that would like to see carried out -

Remain
Yours faithfully
Edward F. Wilson

Dec. 23 /

L. H. Wilkinson Esq.

Dear Sir

I am engaged in preparing a map shewing the position & present occupied by every Indian tribe in North America - together with Statistics &c & their numbers &c.

Can you kindly give me correct information as to the number of Mohawks, Onondagas, Cayugas, Oneidas, Senecas, Tuscaroras & any other tribe living in your Superintendency. The Indian Department Report lumps them altogether as Six nations Indians - without specifying how many of each tribe.

Yours faithfully

S. Wilson

Would any of your Indians subscribe themselves.

Dec 26 7

My dear Dad -

We all wish you many of Mrs Sullivan a joyful Christmas & happy new year - All this are for along print & letter I am glad to hear - I am sorry to hear of your friends being so low. Last in your last letter to me & also in the published letter in the Church papers. I have no doubt however that when it is known there will be a reaction - & more will come in - In the mean time you may have to reduce some of us a little but this of course will - I have some longest of going England towards the end of February & get back by the first of May - but it must depend on the answers I get to some letters. It is 8 years now since I crossed -

Do you think you would happen to be in Queen Street with your kind enquiries at W. Cross - No old W - about the Sheep's head - It has never come yet.

If you have time with your kind & few lines to our Indian Empire Agents - Spotswood & Co - Printers - Well & I am very settled in for London - Eastern & Co - & Mr Cameron for my Friends

I am Dear Dad Your Affectionate Son

Mr Ridley

Best wishes Ridley

Dec. 27

My dear Dad

May Nanto go to Christiania and just received - and I know a usual with a warm heart & kind wishes - I wish to you [illegible] - but am sorry to say with the sad news - that is refusal to the application on behalf of David Trautvetter - to Indian Department agrees to accept him as a third class clerk - provided he passes the Civil service examination - to salary, the $400 per annum the increase $50 per annum - till it reaches $1000 - provided he gives satisfaction

I enclose you his school reports - Wish you may [illegible] - when speak of our work at meetings -

Yours affectionately

S H Miles

Dec. 27 7

The Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs -

Sir

I have to acknowledge with much gratitude your letter of the 22nd inst. in which you say that a place will be found for David Walker as a 2nd Class Clerk in the Department provided he can pass the Civil Service Examination -

I have written to Dr. Bethune & Walker telling him of the favorable reply received & will communicate your satisfaction besides acting as a guard of our Indian boys. We are at present 61 in -

I remain Sir
Your obedient Servant
Edward Dewdney

Dec. 27 7

My dear Mr Lowell

You will be glad I am sure to hear that in response to my application to the Indian Department I have appointed David Wanbaugh as a third class clerk - provided he passes the civil service examination - The salary the $400 the annum the increase $50 per annum till it reaches $1000 - provided he continues to give satisfaction

I enclose you in school report which please return when done with.

Yrs Truly

E. Wilder

Dec. 27

Rev. Mr. Rockwell &c.

Dear Mr. Rockwell

I return you the letter which I was asked via mistake. You are not sure as I said in my last if the Prudential Committee & Mr. Bissell's missions & I hope & trust it will be that it will join in with the Bishop & Church & let it be known. If the Bishop could act alone & if Captain he would not do so. In the mean time Mr. Bissell & others in Oahu would carry on the Mission with a Unity & Christian spirit.

I was just rejoiced to learn good news from Mr. Dole & Parkhurst letter very cordially which augurs well & hope for unity for all the different branches of our work.

Dr. Judd applied for a Clerkship for a boy of his named Praiseyes a Miss Parkhurst's scholar, has been 2 years at Punahou & is very steady & will accept him as a Sr. Clerk & has been heard to Civil Service Examination & has passed & is entitled to $350 a year till it reaches $1000. If you will be kind enough to procure it. We shall be glad of your Country Indians have little taste of news.

Yours Sincerely

S. Nelson

Dec. 27 7

A. McKelvy Esq.

Dear Sir

As David Quaderer may not be home - I write to you - to convey to him as soon possible - the following message -

In reply to my application for him - Mr. Hawkins has just written that he has conversed on the subject with Mr. White - & that Mr Lane agreed to take him into the Department as a third class clerk so soon as he shall have passed the Civil service examination. The salary will be $400, & be increased $50 a year till it reaches $1000, provided he continues to give satisfaction.

This will be good news to David - as indeed it is to me & I hope him the Indians hear of it will make them more anxious to have their children educated.

David will have to prepare for & pass the C. S. examination - I have written to Dr. Bateman about it.

Yrs Sincerely -

J. K. Wilson

Dec. 27 1

My dear Dr. Bethune

I am just in receipt of a favorable
rep[ly] from Ottawa about David Oaks.
"A place shall be made for him as soon as
he shall have passed the Civil Service Examination
& will then receive $400 per ann. salary as a
third class clerk & be increased $50 per ann.
till it reaches $600 provided he proves himself
deserving."

Will you kindly let me know if he is
to appear for [illegible] & if so please tell him to
[illegible]

Trusting this finds you & Mrs. Bethune well
I remain Yours very truly

J. H. Wilson

Dec 27 7

The Manager
Bank of Montreal Toronto
Sir

Enclosed find draft
of Bank of Brit. N. America for
£36.10.0 Stg. Wh which please
credit my Indian Homes acct — & advise
me —

Yrs truly
F. L. Wilson

Let me have pass book as soon as convenient

Dec. 28th 7

The Editor of the Dominion Churchman

Dear Sir.

In reply to the Bishop of Saskatchewan's letter objecting to my proposed Branch Home at Banff - & implying that I am leaving my own Diocese in Algoma to interfere with the work of Missionaries in other Dioceses - I have simply to say that the work in which I have been engaged for seventeen years & in which friends both in England & in Canada have so kindly helped me has never been confined to one Diocese. In 1869 I was living in Barrie & got itinerating among the Indians North of Lake Huron & Lake Superior. Ever since our Shingwauk Home was established at Sault Ste Marie we have drawn our pupils in large measure from other Dioceses, the Indians in Algoma being chiefly Roman Catholics. The Bishops of Rupert's Land and Du Athabasca have given me care, encouragement & prosecute my work within the limits of their dioceses, & all the Missionaries working among the Indians from here to the Rockies are my warm friends & would aid me in every way. My great object in trying to establish a small Branch Home at Banff as I have said plainly enough - perhaps too plainly - in the desire was to counteract Romish influence. My object is not to promote discord - but unity - in our Christian missions.

Dec. 28 7

Joseph Lea Esq.

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 21st inst. received. The particulars about the Indians by Mr. V. S. School Inspector in last have myself been sent to Smith in the expectation that he would pass them on to you. Sir we personally do not like S. School pain in supporting a child - as it is impossible to make duplicates of every Ms. However as the school is more near for us than Mr. Smith we shall not remove the order of this year to you first. The reason why you have Board instead of your former boy Alexander, is that Alexander went home in the summer with both eyes & will not return to the school. Brant is a dear little fellow - a Mohawk - of 7 years old - a lineal descendant of the first Captain Brant. He is very quick & sharp for his age. Your remittance of £25 pays for the 1st year fully ended. With every kind & best wishes for the new year -

Yours sincerely

D. C. Wilson

Dec 31 7

C. Judge Esq

Dear Sir

Many thanks for Yr letter & enclosure of $50 on acct maintenance for your boy - Charles Johnson. Next week the boys will all write to their Sunday Schools - We have had a very happy Christmas & all have much enjoyed themselves - Last night we had midnight service in our Chapel -

I do not see that the objection is not just raised by proposals for extension - Query - Is it best to have 80 pupils under Church influence & obliged to attend Church & Sunday service & between Yr parents fault may be - or to have 300 pupils under Church influence - & such as express a wish to do so - & be allowed to attend their own place of worship on Sundays -? I believe that the Church will increase her influence in Indian Missions by doing this - as it always will be as long as I have to do with it - a Church of Defined Institution.

Yrs very sincerely

Q. V. Wilson

Dec. 31/07

W. Jno Rutherford
Esq.

Dear Sir I am much disappointed that the Christmas Number O.F.C. has not yet reached me - I hoped it would have been up here a week before Christmas - There will be little chance of selling any more when once the Christmas season is passed - I had hoped that the first one out would act as an advertisement for the rest - The fault I expect rests with the Engraving Co. in Toronto. I enclose you a few additional lists - Christmas No. & monthly copies of O.F.C.

Yours sincerely
E. H. Wilson

Total subscribers	415	Jan. No.
Outside Toronto	595	
Mr. Wilson	50	
Reserve	140	
Printers	1200	

Xmas No. - Free 375
Paying 219
Mr. W. 50
Reserve 366 100

Jan 1

L. Vanderpant Esq.

Dear Sir

I am forwarding you by this mail a copy of the Christmas Number of "Our Lord Children" - I trust that you will kindly accept it -

And will you kindly let me know - Whether if I were to send you 50 copies - you would be willing to have them judiciously distributed among the Protestant members of Parliament when the House meets -

With best wishes for the new year -

Yours faithfully

S. F. Wilson

Jan 3 8

To Manager
Bank of Montreal
Toronto

Sir

Inclosed find
Bill of Exchange for £80 —
Cheque (Quebec) — $50 —
" (Impl. Loan (°) — $25 —
With which please credit my Indian
House a/c — & advise me —

Yours
C. H. Wilson

Jan. 3d 8

Thomas Rutherfurd Esq.

Dear Sir

I received Mrs Halen's cheque from you a few days ago - & acknowledged it by post card. And to day I am drawing for your at 35 days after sight for the usual £90 - as I understand from you that you have sufficient funds on hand to meet it.

I wrote by sister Mrs Martin from Little Rock ago that I had some thoughts of coming to England about the beginning of March - bringing with me 5 or 6 of my Indian pupils to address meetings &c. There is however nothing as yet definitely decided on -

With best wishes for the New year -

Yrs very faithfully

Edward F. Wilson

Jan 6th 8

To the Editor of the Record.

Sir

In my last letter I craved of you a little more space for just one more letter about the Canadian Indians. For 20 years I have been engaged in the work to which I believe the Great Master called me, and they have been 20 years of great happiness, for I love the people, I love their children, I love the work which I am trying feebly to accomplish. My own children have grown up among these people, and we have become as it were one with them. But oh! I do long to see more done for them than has yet been done. I long to see some one with influence coming forward to the front to plead on their behalf. As I said in my last there are missionaries working among them here & there, undergoing in many cases great hardship & privation in their labors of love, — but it is not so much for missionary work that I am now pleading, I am not urging on your readers to send teachers & ministers to a heathen race because they are heathen, — but a plea is one of JUSTICE and HUMANITY. I want to touch not only the hearts of those few good people who take interest in missionary work, but the heart of the nation the conscience of the people. The heart & conscience of the American people has already been touched. Abroad, in the states are great efforts

being but fork to wipe away the shame & dishonor which has disgraced them as a Nation for the past 100 years in their dealings with the Indians; but in Canada and in England I see no sign as yet of any such movement. In England people know nothing about the Indians further than that they are a half-barbarous people - keen hunters - & daring riders - as exemplified by Buffalo Bills' exhibition, - and in Canada people know the Indians only to despise them and to begrudge them the little portions of territory which they still cling to. Neither English or Canadians seem either to know or to care whether these people are capable of elevation - capable of becoming one with us as citizens of this our country. It is a matter of indifference seemingly whether they be fitted by Christian education to become useful members of our civilized society or whether they continue to be shut up as prisoners on their Reserved lands, a separate people, hated - despised - down trodden - & left to dwindle away & die. Surely if it is right to take the children of our own poor off the streets of our great cities & clothe & feed & educate & fit them for gaining their own livelihood it were only right to take the children of these poor Indians whose lands & hunting grounds we have appropriated and give them the same opportunity of earning an honest living.

I began this work as I have said 20 years ago. Soon after that period I brought an Indian Chief & named Buk-kwuj-je-ne-ne to England. He held meetings & collected about £200. With this sum my first Institution for Indian children called the Children's Home was built. That Institution was burned to the ground three days after it was open. But God has so blessed since then the years over & over that it again, God-

-ually our work has increased. We have now our Shingwauk Home for boys and Wawanosh Home for girls, Chapel, and Hospital — all of Stone — & all situate at Sault Ste Marie, in Ontario; and we have a small Branch Institution, called the Wahakada Home — just built — but with no means of support at present — in Manitoba. Here has also been established within the last two or three years an Institution for Indian Children at Battleford in Saskatchewan which though quite independent is still we feel working with us. For our Home at Sault Ste Marie we receive £360 per annum from friends in England, also an annual grant from the Col. & Corr. Church Society. With the view of hoping to increase the interest in our work among English friends I had thought of paying a visit to England this Spring & bringing 5 or 6 of my Indian pupils with me, but the difficulty about lodging them & the expense of the Ocean journey have deterred me. The Canadian Government will I hope render us some assistance towards the extension of our present Homes & the establishment of posts at distant points; but we cannot expect the Government to do much until the people, whose voice the Government is, are aroused. We want to hear it proclaimed in Canada as has already been proclaimed in the United States "the Conscience of the Christian nation demands that Indian & English child shall be fairly & honestly treated and their education & civilization promoted with a view to their ultimate citizenship".

I remain &c

Yours faithfully

Edward F. Wilson

Jan. 7th 8

Revd H. Pollard
Dear Sir

Cannot I induce your Sunday School to recommence its support of an Indian pupil in one of our Homes. Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, Kingston are all supporting us largely - but we seem to appeal in vain to Ottawa -

I will gladly send you a name if either a boy or a girl - if you will undertake them.

Will you please write kindly let me know how you sent the $50 towards the Branch Home. I cannot remember receiving it. If it came it must have been entered into the unspecified amounts forwarded by treasurer

Yours sincerely -

J. H. Wilson

I am sending you a copy of Christian Work of D.C. Will you kindly order a few for circulation?

Jan. 7th 8

Revd S. Edmonds

Dear Sir

I have been a long time answering your kind letter of the 19th ult – but have been waiting – hoping that in some way or other the barrel of Clothing from Miss Smith might reach us.

It has not yet done so – but I think if you were to try again you will find that it will come on – If there is any difficulty – leave it addressed to Charge of Dr. Ramsay (Chief Agent) Sudbury Junction & he will send it on to us. I am sorry it is too late for Christmas (but that cannot be helped).

Your very liberal donation to the Harvest Festival has been an immense help to us. & we shall close this year I think with only a small deficit.

I have great pleasure in stating that the Society will still be retained on our work next summer, & have promised a Clerkship for one of our ex-pupils (in Ottawa) at $400 a year.

I will send a Xmas Box to O.L.C. & Miss Smith, & will write to her when the Clothing is received –

Yours sincerely

E. R. Young

Jany 8

Dear Mr Bliss

In reply to your note just received (which as private matter we think had better in an envelope) I am quite aware that I spoke of a possible increase of salary from £200 to £250 per annum at the end of six months – but it was not to be on the ground of Competence. When I engaged you I knew that you were a perfectly competent teacher – & my only doubt was whether you would give your heart to the work & care for these poor Indian children. I think if you refer to my letter you will find that I did not say a word about Competency but that I spoke of your settling in & identifying yourself with us & trying to make the work a success. If I had intended to raise your salary I should have given you notice of my intention in a business like way when your first 6 mos. were ended. By not giving such notice or in any way leading you to expect that I was going to do so I think was sufficient evidence that I was not going to make any change – & I am sorry that you should have thought otherwise.

Yours sincerely –

Edward F. Wilson

Jan 8 8

Dear Mr Lewis

I began teaching the two boys yesterday in Sunday School — from the Blackfoot books & sentences which you so kindly sent me. It is very hard work to spell & then —

I see you will take the Christian Leader & C. O. which I sent you — It has a number of Sketches in it which I left with Mrs Sanderson.

I have not yet decided about going to England. The difficulty is the great expense & how to get the pupils up. If I do not go to England I shall probably be with you again towards the end of May or beginning of June. I am rather thinking of putting the boys on the train at Port Arthur to Winnipeg & Fleichen — then go on myself to Duluth — travel through Minnesota — Dakota — & Montana visiting the Indian Reserves, then North & the C.P.R. & so on to you — that would give the boys about 3 weeks holiday at home — & that if they wished return again with me & might do it. I am going back North & will pay their travg. expenses — & in that case would like to bring 10 boys back with me if their parents will let them go. The authorities at Regina — are very much in favour of my work — & advocate assistance being given me to take boys East — but I dont know whether the Ottawa people will agree to it. However they seem

[illegible] the new Chief — Have just heard one of my ex-pupils a Clerk with H.B.C. at Fort Yukon a year with prospect of gradual increase till it reaches $1000.

Athabaska & Athabaska are both respectfully well here — Lucy far ahead. Athabaska is the most forward in lessons & very good also at Carpentering. but Athabaska beat the Fort boys in the last Ship. I am giving them each 25 cts a week pocketing. They are real manly fast boys & have been here the liveliest trouble since they came. Athabaska has learned baking as well as Carpenter work. They are very shy still when talking English.

We had a splendid Christmas tree — 4 or 5 hundred besides candies & such toys.

Will you tell me how Miss Potter knew it was any way of getting across from the Blackfoot Reserve in Montana to the C.P.R. — by Ogden — Please the route — how long will it take & about what will be the expense. I think Hawkes or one of the H.B.C. police or Mounted Police could tell you.

Will you please thank Mrs Brown my name for her long interesting letter. — I hope Rosamond Cameron has a little time She will write again.

With kindest regards to your Sister — & to you & Mr Stokes

Yours sincerely —

E. O. Wilson

I can't decide on going to England — kindly answer by return as convenient as I want to plan all things made before leaving

Jan. 5th 8

Revd Jno Macdonald

Dear Sir

May Minutes for years of 13th ult. I have sent printed circulars asking information about Indian tribes & the Gentlemen you mention.

I hope you have also received the Christmas No of C.C. & you will see it has in it several letters from your Indian Children. and I will be glad to have that pen & pen work of theirs.

I think it is quite likely I may have the pleasure of seeing you again about next June - as I shall be going on to the Blackfoot Reserve & their home. I hear from Mr Sims that there are quite a number more want to come. If I can induce the Govt to assist towards travelling expenses - I would like to bring 10 Indian Children back with me - to cost in all about 30 dollars a head - (½ price). Would you care to send me a few Stony children if they are willing - I think the 'going East' is a help & them even apart from the education & success. I could not take any for less than 2 years - & would prefer them to be over 8.

Can you tell me is there any way of getting from the Blackfoot Reserve in Montana up to the C.P.R. - if so what would be the expense & distance - I think of going through Dominion to Back & Montana & the North West & will be glad of information. We remain

Yours

Jan 9 8

My dear Dr. Wala.

I ordered one dozen copies of Christmas No. of C. which sent Dean — & I hope you have ere this received them.

I also ordered the slips containing selections from Indian tribes to be enclosed with them — & shall be glad of your criticism of that letter.

I have received a short article on the Ojibway Indians, founded on the Lecture (last) which will appear in February number.

People seem to like the Christmas number so far as I have heard. Your article you will see appeared in full — & I don't think there was any error worth mentioning — Rattenbury is a careful proofreader.

I shall be very glad if at any time you can send me a short article

Yours sincerely

J. K. Wilson

Jan 10 8

The Toronto Engraving Co.

Sirs –

I enclose you as requested Cheque for account #5875 – The cuts were well executed & the price I think moderate.

You wrote me some time ago – about another process which you said was still cheaper

You still I think have 7 of my Sketches – named (1) Old Sun's Lecture, (2) Mr Sun's house & School (3) Ration day (waiting at meal) (4) Cree Indians (5) Crowfoot (6) Fort Qu'Appelle (7) Stawanock girls.

Kindly let me know what it would cost to ~~prepare~~ Return by the cheap process.

Yrs faithfully
S. J. Wilson

Jan 10 8

Dear Dr Brockridge

Yours 9th 3d received today -
I have sent a post card to Rutherford asking him to send you the two blocks - Please return them to him as soon as you have made use of them -
I am very glad you like the Christmas number - people seem generally pleased with it - & I hope it may do some good.
In referring to it in your next issue you might please mention that I have still copies on hand for sale -
With my thanks for your kind wishes & hoping you have all happiness this new year -

Yours sincerely
J. C. Wilson

I enclose you a set of proofs which I have received to-day from Messrs -

Jan. 11 8

My dear Dad

Your 2 letters received with enclosures. I have sent receipts to Mr. Campbell.

I am embarrassed at present about my English trip. I had applied to the CMS to undertake expenses if I came with 4 or 5 Indian boys & to take the proceeds of meetings. I asked them telegraphically. & have just received it. They cannot undertake the responsibility. On the other hand I have warm letters from 5 or 6 different societies urging me to come & bring the boys.

How would the following plan suit you? For me to go with my boys at the same time you do. You arrange the meetings & take all the proceeds for the Calcutta Orphanage (except of such contributions as might be given specially by individuals to the Indian Homes) - and allow me out of the proceeds such fair proportion towards meeting travelling expenses as might seem right. I am willing to pay my own individual expenses, but if I take the boys, will take & have that expense refunded as far as possible. The burden for our work would be felt it was widely known & some addition from casual subscriptions. I do not care about collections at meetings provided our expenses were met.

The boys I propose taking Nyland and David, Nasi

to Scarcroft), [illegible] (who has been about 18 months with me before) & probably one of the two Blackfeet. The first is an all choice enquiry.

As to the time — if you can arrange to plan I will try & make my time fit in with yours. I suppose the end of June. I had intended to take the 2 Blackfeet boys home the 1st week in May — but if one goes to England this must be deferred.

Will you kindly let me know as soon as possible what you think about it.

If it does not suit you — I can defer my visit till next year.

With your & my kind wife's best remembrances

Yours very sincerely

Edward S. Wilson

I am glad to say Mr Kennicott (from Illinois) has come as carpenter) is doing splendidly — he is staying with Mr Mitchell's place, superintending the boys at work, & helping me with the accounts besides the Carpenting. He is quite a religious man — knows his bible well — & has an excellent influence over the boys.

He has commenced the plan of trial by jury in cases of stealing &c — McKenzie & McCallum act with me as magistrates. 8 boys are constables — & the jury consists of 6 boys — the jury not only find the verdict but also recommend the punishment &c.

Jan 11 8

R. Buchanan Esq
Dear Sir

I don't know whether you do not
intend to embody in the School deck
Law which is 6 inches in extent
6 feet long & 15 inches
and 12 School decks - deck 3 ft 6 long & 15 inches
wide to seat 2 pupils. seat on hinges.
Could you procure them for me - send me 6 pupils
them. Of course I will take that them at as
low price as possible.

Yours truly
G. H. Wilson

Jan. 13th 8

Lukyahseenaun Ninguris -

I was very pleased to receive your letter yesterday - & to hear that you were feeling well & strong & tall & fat - And I was very glad to receive your photograph & to see your face again - I hope you will soon be able & come back to us - I would like you to come for 3 years more & study like a school teacher like David & Johnny.

We had our 'Onward & Upward Club' meeting yesterday in the Dining Hall - We have it regularly every week. This time David is president, Mr Lea Wilson vice president, Mr. McKenzie secretary, & Joseph Toney treasurer. Mr. McKenzie is our Carpenter & he also assists in superintending the boys at work. He is a very nice man. At the meeting last evening - Johnny & 5 other boys sang 'the Canadian boat song' & David, Joseph, Wasi & Willie sang a nice piece of sacred music.

I am thinking of going to England this summer & take about 5 Indian boys with me - Would you like to go with me? I cannot promise to take you, but I would like to know if you would very much like to go - If you do you will have to come all here as soon as possible so as to practise singing with the other boys -

Please take care of yourself Lukyahseenaun & write soon

Sincerely your friend
E. F. Wilson

Jan- 13th 8

Dear Tommy

I am been want to get a letter from you to know how you are. Johnson has written to me several times but you have not written once. I want to hear Willie you are better & of that nasty sore place has healed up.

I suppose you heard about my fair & Ottawa & Montreal & take 20 Indian boys & 10 Indian girls with me. We had a splendid time.

We had a meet of one "Onward & Upward Club" last night & it passed off very well. Johnny & 5 boys sang 'the Canadian boat song'. & David & 3 others sang another piece very nicely. and David dressed up like a Navajo Indian from Arizona & Joseph like an Esquimau from the North Pole & met & had a talk. It was very amusing.

I am sending you a book with a picture of the 2 boys Willie & Stuckitem on Xmas back on the Jubilee day - & a picture of the two Blackfeet boys.

Mean but kind Salvationism am

L. F. Wilson

Jan. 13 8

A. H. Campbell Esq.
Dear Sir

I enclose you a Check for #53 75 as follows -

A.M.A. type & cases sold to Biffen Jo -	#65-00
Collection Memorial Chapel for Foreign Missions A.M.A. & L.M. Epistles —	15.75
	80.75
1800 copies January number A.M.A. printed & mailed - postage —	27-00
	#53.75

The retail price of A.M.A. is now 35 cents per annum for the 12 issues. equal to about 3 cents a copy. Same changing you as you see 1/2 cts a copy, which is a small fraction over the cost of printing.
This will be my every practice - 4 times a year visited & 6 times a year framed.

Yours Truly
S. H. Niles

Jan. 14th 8

Revd. H. N. Almon

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 2nd inst received with enclosure of the 21st Jan. Children's service at Trinity Church. — for which many thanks. —

My movements are uncertain at present. C.C.C.S. to whom I applied for assistance if I crossed the Atlantic with boys. are unable to help — & I don't like to risk the great expense personally.

Possibly I may go later with the Bishop — but nothing can be decided at present.

I will let Revd Hale know in good time if I decide on going. Please thank him for his kind offer of help

Yours sincerely

S. D. Wilson

I hope you received the Xmas Nos. of C.

Jan. 14 8

Wm. Ino Rattenbury.
Dear Sir

Please send 50 copies Xmas No.
O.F.C. to L. Vankoughnet Esq., Ind. Dept., Ottawa.

I am disappointed that neither the January
No. of Ann. or O.F.C. have yet reached me.
Hope that in future you will manage for them
to be out by the first of the month.

I have just run back in search of annual
Report of the Women as I have thought some to
reprint published in O.F.C. with cuts.

I wish you would please always acknowledge
receipt of copy by post card. Have not had
a word from you to say whether you ever received
the cuts for O.F.C. & Ann. both of which I
sent you as agreed - Dec. 16th.
Let me hear whether your account tallies with mine
as to copies sent out & now in Room of Ann.
O.F.C. & Xmas Nos.

Yrs Truly
E. F. Wilson

Jan. 16th 8

Wm. Geo. Rutherford

Dear Sir

I am sending you by this mail Copy for Volume No. 0.4.C.

Please acknowledge receipt by R.C. direct I can receive it.

I am sorry not reached me yesterday - it looks very well - but you have made a serious mistake in putting in a lot of A M R matter - & have also left out a considerable portion of the Copy which I sent you for O & C.

Please explain this - as it looks like carelessness. No A M R matter must be sent to vols. O & C. - the two are to be kept quite distinct.

I am expecting there from you directly every 2 or 3 days letters -

Yours truly

J. H. Wilson

I hope O.N. & C. will be out as soon as possible after the 2nd or 3rd of Feb.

Jan: 18th 8

Dear Mrs Davidson

My thanks for your letter - We are not at present in want of a Lady Superintendent of the Orphan Home - but I will write & find a respectable man & wife - the man to attend to garden horses & clean work & the wife the Work rooms attend to cows & housework generally & will help to feed. The man & wife I at present have are both over 60 - past active to be old for the work - & leave end of March. Salary £30 & lodging - but provide for themselves. They need to know a little about accounts - as they have to provide for the pigs & charge account each week. We keep pigs feed accounts from one to two hundred in the N. W. of Western Australia. Love sent you to Miss Ist & O.F.C.

Yrs sincerely -

S. J. Wilson

Jan. 18th 8

My dear Mr. Roswell

Yours of the 2nd only received today - also one from the Bishop of Rupert's Land - in which he says that the Govt. Institution is to be at Winnipeg - consequently he does not wish to have any thing to do with the Elkhorn one & leaves me to my own resources -

I had been waiting for the matter of the settlement one way or the other - before doing any further about the deed. Now our coast is clear. The Govt. lot is now miles away, & we can go on independently. The land cannot now be Church property as I had originally intended - but I think the best way will be for you & me to hold it as trustees - the rent always for the purposes of an Indian Home - or if sold at any time - the money from sale to be used for Indian education in some other place. Will you get out the deed in the way that seems best to you. I have entire confidence in you - & shall agree to any way you like to lay it. It had better not be longer delayed. I have received civil letters from the Ind. Dept. - & do not at all despair of the help [illegible] and the Dominion generally. Montreal [illegible] Yours sincerely J. A. Wilson

If you think well to put the place furnished before I come up in May – I can will & expend $300 – just as Waterer is most necessary. Besides you could employ Carpenter with tables – cupboards – dressers &c during winter.

I will guarantee $50 a year for 2 years towards annual support if you will do the same – this as a nucleus – towards $500 a year – for general expenses.

If I can get a suitable lady to take charge & $500 a year guaranteed – I will transfer 3 or 4 pupils from here by way of making a beginning & I think we can start with Spring – & we fail for want of funds – that may help to open people's eyes – There is no real failure in God's work if carried on in God's way. Let me hear as soon as possible about this –

L M

Jan: 26th 1

L. Vankoughnet Esq:
Dear Sir

May thanks for your courtesy & kindness - I have ordered the 50 copies of Christian Dr. O.T.C. to be sent to your address.

I hear from the Bishop of Rupert's Land that you propose building an Institution at Winnipeg - This I am very glad to hear -

I hope however the Dept will consent to give a little assistance to my little Branch Home already built at Elkhorn - by 200 miles away it cannot interfere with the Winnipeg Institution. I have sent orders for the Elkhorn Home to be furnished & am looking out for a lady to take charge. I think of transferring 2 big girls & 2 boys under 12 from our Home here as a nucleus to begin with. We shall only take small boys - so long as a lady is in charge.

I hope the Dept will look favorably also on my scheme for a Branch Home at Birtle. I want in this way to form connection with different tribes all along the line; - as you know I am deeply interested in - & am studying the Letters & Language of all the different tribes -

I am very faithfully Yrs. E. Wilson

Jany 25th 87

The Manager
Bank of Montreal, Toronto
Sir

Send me a cheque & credit of Receiver General - Dick Lunderstand by the rules of the R.M.C. reunion to be marked "good" before it will be accepted.
Please either forward it for me & Kingston or return it to me — Dickenson is your usual custom —

Yours truly
L. L. Wilson

Enclose also a cheque for £2 Dick please credit my Indian Homes account —
L.L.W.

Jan. 21 [illegible]

Mr. Jane Arguette.

In reply to your letter. If you wish to apply for position of Gardener & matron at the Brainard Home please let me know.

1. What age
2. What religion
3. Whether your husband can work in garden - milk cow - cut wood - & keep a horse.
4. Whether you can cook & bake well - & sew on the sewing machine - & cut out dresses &c.
5. Who knows you & can recommend you.
6. What wages do you expect & receive.
7. Are you able to keep accounts.

Yours truly

L. C. Wilcox

How old are the children? Are the boys able to

Jan. 20th 8

Mrs Cobb

Dear Madam

Looking over last years correspondence I find a letter of yours of May 7th /87 in which you say you enclose $20 from the Children's Church Miss. Guild Ottawa. Our Cash book shows the receipt of $50 from you at the same day. I was away in the N.W. at the time & the entry was made by my assistant Mr. Mitchell. Will you kindly tell me whether it was $20 or $50 that you sent. Also had it any of the $50 promised to me by Rev Mr. Pollard from St. John's S. School. Did I ever received

Kindly excuse me for troubling you.

I am send you a Xmas No of C.H.C. by this mail.

Yr. sincerely

S. D. Wilson

Rec'd Fr. H. Plummer Esq.
Mr. Wilson

Please credit my
Private acct - enclosed Sum - £96 5s
- Lam want 2 tons more of
Sand coal - Is there any on this side
or can it be got over.

For Intake &c. £
Fr. Wilson

Wm Leal

Lam not at all satisfied with the
way this Lam been going on the last 3 months
Theres been a carelessness in the way
of doing things - and you Lam seemed unwilling
to attend to my directions and wish to do only
just that pleases you.
For this reason I do not think it will for the
Institution to retain your services, and give
you notice to leave April 5th.
I shall be sorry to part with you if you will
attend to your work & follow my directions as
you used to do. But I cannot have things go on
any longer as they have been lately -

Yours Truly
Edward Wilson

Jan. 23 [illegible]

Dear Dr. Davidson

Many thanks for yr kind letter enclosing $18.75 towards support of boy – & $1.25 for which you will receive two Christian Numbers – & 12 copies W.C. monthly.

The reason I changed yr. boy – was that all Saints College would be supported by half asked me to do so; thy thought David was getting old for the children to take interest in him – so I thought it would awaken fresh interest for them to have a Blackfoot boy –

Do you know of any nice man & wife? She could do for matron & gardener at the Waiilatpu Home – wages $30 & keep. Two would be wanted. An old Dick Corps would do – the man has only to take round cut wood – milk cow – garden &c – & the wife & girl take attend to any housework &c left of girls.

Or do you know of a working matron – single woman or widow. To do as above – & sit boys under her – two at the Lapwai. $12 & board.

Yrs Sincerely

C. H. Wilcox

Jan. 23d 8

Rev. L. L. Robert. —
Dear Sir

I am grieved sorry that I have been so backward in the usual payment of subscription already paid.

If letters or post cards have come from you respecting it must have been during my absence. To the best I remember receiving from you was a 5 years ago — when you asked the address of [illegible] of [illegible].

The fault has laid with the Treasurer. Not withstanding my repeated complaints & visits in person at the rooms of the Society New Bedford no remittance — so that it is impossible to tell. Remittances must make up to Nov. Dividends can be made.

I understand now that the Treasurer will in future give the desired details — and that case there will be no further trouble.

I am ever yours. Chris. Rawson 0.7.C.
Shall send you 5 0.7.C. months —

Yours truly —
L. C. Wilson

Jan. 28 1

To Superintendent General
Indian Affairs
Sir

A pupil - by name Thomas Wagonash - has completed his course of five years with us & learned the trade of boot maker - is now about to leave us - & would like to set up business in a small way among the Indians at Garden River.

This is to ask Sir if the Department would be willing to give him a little assistance in the way of tools & material they in with.

He is about 17 years of age. He would do better no doubt for him to stay another 2 years with us. but his friends seem unwilling for him to do so, & he himself wants to try working for himself.

I remain Sir
Your obedient servant
Edward O. Wilson

Jan. 25 8

Dr. Bro. Rutherford
Dear Sir

I have received your account for Christmas No. O.H.C. & Amer. I think your charge for the Christmas No. is very moderate as it was well got up when you consider

I enclose you cheques as follows:

Dominion Bank. Waterloo	20-
Molsons. Brighton	12-50
My own cheque	60-
	$92.50

To be placed to my credit

Can you send me a Savings Bank book for which I want 100 cards.

I sent you O.H.C. copy on the 17th. Amer on the 20th.
In my letter to you dated Dec. 15 I ordered 1200 copies O.H.C. for January. but in your bill you charge for 1000.
If you only printed 1000 - as subscribers now are 581
you will have run Short. Entitled to free copies 613
Sample Copy list - A 100 1219
You had better print 1400 February If you get this in time.

Yours Truly
C. H. Wilson

I shall send you one Amer
Report Print is short 3 weeks.
I have sent for the medal back - Please enquire about it.

Jan. 25 &

The Canadian Bank of Commerce
Toronto
Ont

London Eng.

Cheque for £450 - which I wish to deposit to credit London Account

Please send me a deposit Receipt - & also let me know if any charge is allowed -

Yrs Truly

J. & Niles

Sent for a cheque book some weeks ago - am now out of cheques - please send a large one & Pass Book.

Jan. 26 18

Sir Select Indian Helps

Please send Indian helps to the following as soon as the subscript for the present year expires

2 Rev. S. Wilson
1 Jos Lampson
1 W. Riley
1 Jas Sharpe
2 Wm
1 W. Adams
1 Matthew Lampson
1 Isaac Lampson
1 A. Sahguijo
1 Smart
1 Cromarty
1 Oshkahbawis
1 Chief Rice Point
1 Simcoe Montreal

Yours &c
S. S. Wilson

Jan: 28 8

My dear Mr Henderson

I am in trouble about employees. One
Matron & husband at the Wawanosh Home leave April 1st.
& one Matron here & the Shingwauk leaves March 1st.
Do you know of any persons to fill the posts -
Matron at Wawanosh - has to attend to the cooking, baking,
housework, sewing &c - with the girls under their help &c.
Farmer at Wawanosh - has to attend to horses, cows, farm
wood cutting &c. Wages to married couple $30
a month & board themselves.
Matron at Shingwauk has same work as above at the Shingwauk
& with boys under her instead of girls - $12 a month &
board & wood - if she requires a girl to help. - but if
she will do the work with boys &c I wd make it $15 a
month.
Do you know of any one who would take either of these posts?
I am arranging to go to England in April - & shall probably
stop a day or two in Montreal on the way. I take 5
Indian boys with me.

Yrs sincerely -
S. J. Wilson

If you do not know of any one would
you kindly ask Mrs Rivin.

Jan. 28th 18

Capt. Hackett,

Dear Sir

Do you know of any one who would do for Matron of the Penitentiary from the present Matron leaves March 1st. Duties consist in attending to cooking, baking, sewing, housework - with boys under her & assist in the work. Boys do all the washing, but milk, cook, wash &c. I pay $12 a month if the Matron requires a girl under her, but if she will undertake the work with all boys under her I will pay $15.

I am arranging to go to England with 5 boys in April. I shall be pass through Carleton Place again on the way. The boys I have are David, Stockdale, Joseph, Willie, & Elijah.

Yours sincerely

D. L. Wilson

Jan 30 8

Dear Mr. Hall

The present Work of our factory consists of

23 Panel doors 2.2 x 6.8
11 " 2.10 x 6.10
2 Hall doors, moulded etc.
2 " Diagonal
2 Window sash 12" x 24 lights
4 " 22" x 2' 6" to thickness between
2 " 14" x 14" panel & Raal
12 " Plain 15" x 15"

Our Machinery Consists of a 14 horse Engine (but rate a poor concern), Boiler, feed pump, turning Lathe, Moulding machine, Rip saw, cross cut saw, Tenoning Machine, post power Morticing machine, post power Lathe, Shafting, Belting &c.

Water for boiler is pumped from a well 11 ft deep just under it. but supply not sufficient. Well requires deepening.

Yrs sincerely
S. J. Wilson

Feb. 1st 8

W. Bro. Rutherford

Dear Sir

Quite a number of people are complaining that it did not yet receive their Christian Numbers. They all appear to be on the 2nd list which I sent you Dec. 31st. You have never acknowledged receiving the list - so I am unable to tell where the fault lies. I think take in to account the distance between editor & publisher & the length of time it takes for mail & travel - I must ask you please to make a point of acknowledging at once either by letter or post card every communication you receive from me. You can of course charge me cost of postage &c.

This is what I have sent you -

Dec.			
9th	1st address list	(pay)	Christian Numbers
12	1st	free list	(free) 20 " "
31st	2nd	"	" " "
Jan. 16	Postcard	(A)	with address " "
~~Jan. 16~~	"	(B)	" " "
" 20	Postcard	(C)	" " "
Jan 21.			" "

If on receiving each of the above you had just sent a post

card – says – list ... & send date received – last name on list .... ; will be attended to at once" – I shd be able to keep check, & also know how to answer any to write complaining of not getting their Copies.

I have tried to make all as clear as possible & now send you the address list – have also from last name on former list – so that you might keep the connection in tact.

You say you have now as follows: –

O.L.C. × Nos Numbers now printed 1100 + 100 sent out & mtly 1000

Sent out – by list – 315
" free list – 431
" & by Wilson – 58 804
196 left on hand.

O.L.C. – Monthly –
+ subscribers – 506
entitled to free list – 613 1119
Total list – 100 1219

C.M.R. Monthly (8 months)
+ subscribers – 1830

C.M.R. Quarterly (4 months)
+ subscribers 1030
free list – 1800 2830

× Subscribers, as I said, should be marked × in your address book. so as to distinguish them from free list.

Yrs truly
C. H. Wilson

Feb 1st 8

Dr Barnardo

Dear Sir

I have just received your circular - & have read the interesting little story of Sally.

Our Indian boys take much interest in your work - & we are collecting some more for you.

We hope to bring our little boys - personally - & hand it to you.

I am arranging (D.V.) to cross the Atlantic in April - taking with me 5 of my Indian boys - to visit London about May 4th & stay 3 weeks or so.

Could you kindly put me in the way of getting accommodation for my boys during the time we are in London. Cheap respectable lodgings would do. Do not trouble to write yourself - but if you would mention it to some of your numerous co-workers - perhaps some one could suggest a plan & kindly lend me a line. My object is to hold meetings at which I propose some pictures in my work -

Yours sincerely

Edward F. Wilson

Feb. 1 - 8

Dear Dr McMurtrie

I have some Reports of Jas England in April - & Feb. 5 Indian boys.
How would it suit you if I were to ask Mary Peters to Carleton Place - & Pick her from there to you?
There are 2 Miss Pratt's say, & would like to get place in Kingston - & are Misses Jackson & Philamon Sampson, but I would have to get their parents consent.
Kindly let me know if you have situations vacant for any more - besides Mary -

Yrs sincerely -

S. P. Wilson

I have $25 owing from my last trip - this will go towards cost of sending him to England. I hope I may get a few Contributions to add to it.

Feb. 2nd 0

My dear Mr. Lindsey

Many thanks for your kind note of the 28th ult. just received.

I am afraid I can give you no statistics further than has already appeared in H. of C. & you & Jas already have one of the Ind. Dept's blue books.

I am gradually picking up information from the Presbyterian & Methodist Missionaries & hope in my next to be able to give you more definite information as to the number of Methodists at Brandford, Owen Sound & the rest of the Settlements. The Ind. Dept. are about to purchase a large Reserve Land in the neighborhood of Winnipeg & will also keep mine already laid out at Oakham. I am at present intending to give up the Banff Home, the situation I think is excellent for that I want & will give me connection with all Mission stations in & about the Rockies. Our Blackfeet boys are doing splendidly & I have them and a number more want to come. Governor Dewdney is very much in favor of the Banff Home, so are all the members of the Ind. Dept at Regina. I am in constant correspondence with them. Gov. Dewdney was very pleased with the large Ottawa photo & took it with him & Mrs Crawford.

Yours very sincerely J. Wilson

I have received my encouraging letter from Ind. Dept. Ottawa

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J. C. Phipps Esq.

Dear Sir

Many thanks for so kind & prompt a response & fulness in so far as you were able to particulars I wanted about Indian Children -

I am thinking of crossing the Atlantic in April & taking 5 of my Indian boys - the away about 3 months

Several parties in Kingston, Ont., have asked to put one Indian girl into their service - & I think I could dispose of 2 or 3 with me. Would John Lampson of Skeleepwaning like his daughter Philamene to go & does he prefer her staying at the Narrows

Yours sincerely

S. D. Wilson Secretary

Feb. 2d 8

L. Vankaughnet Esq.

Dear Sir

Your kind letter has cheered me. I am very glad that the Secretary is disposed to assist me in my Klondyke Venture. I had intended to start it in a small way in Spring with a lady teacher & 10 or 12 pupils. But will await your pleasure.

I am planning to cross the Atlantic in April with 5 of my Indian boys. I hold many shares in great interest in our work - & be back here by 1st July. We must necessarily pass through Ottawa - probably - April 6 - Would it meet your views for us to stop over a day - a part of a day - & call in to see you in passing.

Yours sincerely

S. S. Wilson

Feb. 3? 8

Messrs Allan Rae & Co.

Dear Sirs

I am to arrange to pay a visit to England - take with me two Indian boys pupils of our Shingwauk Home - in April next & return in June. I am to Convey & bring back to assist me. Two Homes for Indian Children were started several years ago - 13 years ago - & I am now to extend the work & enlarge our buildings here & erect two branch Homes in the North West. This visit to England I am undertaking in the interest of the proposed extension of our work entirely at my own risk. & for that reason I trust you will see your way to give me passage at the lowest rate possible. I shall want Cabin passage for myself - saloon deck - & steerage for the 5 boys. Their ages are 20 - 16 - 14 - 13 and 10. We wish to sail from Halifax April 20th & return to Quebec by end of June. The Messrs Allan in Liverpool know about my work &c.

Yours faithfully

Edward F. Wilson

Feb. 4th 8

Dr. Dennison Wheelock

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of the 31st ult. I regret to say that the list I sent you was not of new subscribers in addition to those who subscribed last year - but was to take the place of last years list. Consequently we are not entitled to another photograph.

I would however like to receive another of the Hoh school, as I am going to England early in April with 5 of my Indian boys & would like to take it with me to show the English people the big schools you have for Indian children in the States - & that you are not all wild Indians like those who went with Buffalo Bill.

Enclose you 50 cents for the photo -

Yours very truly

Edward D. Wilson

You will be glad to hear that I have promise of a clerkship in the Indian Department at Ottawa for one of my ex pupils at a salary of $400 a year, the increase of $50 a year till it reaches $600. A fine satisfaction.

Oct. 14 = 8

My dear Lord —

I am sorry that after the [illegible] I cannot see the Queen. The [illegible] last week, I think that he will suffer from [illegible] his head — [illegible] I am better now & [illegible] England — I shall take the 5 boys with me when I return — We shall probably be back again [illegible] —

I do not quite understand [illegible] you want to know about [illegible] I keep all papers that I get from the P. O. conference as I get them from [illegible] I am [illegible] complain of the dilatoriness of the clergy in sending me their returns — [illegible] are — & you did not even send me a list of your [illegible] in Muskoka altho' I [illegible] in all the papers — If I write privately to the clergy [illegible] I do think it were better to close it up at once.

I am told Steps to [illegible] Her Majesty as [illegible] Garden Party — & I will call in [illegible] a clock & start out.

Yrs sincerely —

J. S. Wilson

Sept 4th 8

D. McCaig Esq.
Dear Sir

I am aware that David Mississauga & John Maggrah our two senior pupils should write for teachers Examination next July - & if successful in passing start at once teaching Indian School. You will understand that the standard required is somewhat lower for Indians in Canada than Indian Schools than for other applicants. Will you kindly tell me just what they will have to prepare for the Examination so that they may begin at once.

I have changed my School teachers. Mr Sinclair left in the Fall - & I have now a young man named McCallum from Carleton Place who holds a 2d class certificate. He is not all that I could wish but is more active & his work than my last teacher.

Yours truly

D. L. Wilson

The Supt. General of Indian Affairs

Feb. 4th

Sir

Dr. Nevins

I hear from Dr. Allan Sullivan that Rosa just arrived up here - that he has in pain Rep - & saw my Sister's head completed - Jim was not in at the time - & he would have got it & brought up to me - Please do not delay to send it at once - Direct as follows -

Revd S. L. Nelson
Shingwauk Home
Sault Ste Marie
By C. P. R. via Sudbury.

2 awl [illegible] 20 more
2 Closing lasts - 30
2 do peg awls - 25
1 do sewing awls - 20
lasting tacks - 30

S. L. Nelson

7.20

Sept. 4th 8

The Supt. General of Indian affairs

Sir

In reply to yours No. 82820 of the 30th ult. I herewith submit list of tools required by Romaine Wapimah to commence boot and shoe trade at Garden river

1	pr. Clamps	1.00
1	Punch	75
1	Hammer	25
1	Pincers	40
1	Gauge set	60
1	Knife	20
1	heel iron	30
1	Rasp	15
1	Kit iron	20
1	awl Stick	20
1	heel Plane	50
1	welt knife	20
2	awl lasts	20
2	Closing lasts	30
2	do Peg awls	25
1	do sewing awls	20
	Lasting tacks	50
		7.20

1	Coat Lock - about —	10
1	Vest	25
1	Heavy Shaft —	20
2	Lbs Pegs - 4/0 6/0 —	80
2	pkts iron nails - 5/0 7/0 —	20
2	" Zinc " - 4/0 4/0 —	30
1	lb Lamp -	75
2	lbs wax -	25
1	box eyelets —	50
1	bottle ink —	25
1	pr Mittens —	1-00
10	pr. Socks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12.	4-00
1	side sole leather — 25@30	6-30
1	" Cow hide - 20@45-	9-
1	Can. Calf — 30@90	2-70
1	Kip - 5½@ 75 —	4-15
		$38.55

I would recommend that the boy be required before the Indian Agent from time to time the condition of his book - the progress he is making in his trade

I have the honor to be
Yr. Obed. Servant
Edward O. Wilson

Feb 7th 8

Revd J. A. Newnham.

Dear Sir

I am a stupid & have blunder.
Montreal again on or about April 2nd on my way
to Halifax & England with all my Indian boys.
I have today a dozen kits for my daughter & will be with
me to visit an earlier [illegible] would you have a
meet for us. [illegible] friendly
accommodation [illegible] the
Cathedral & St George [illegible] provision -
but this time [illegible]
Perhaps you will [illegible] to have [illegible] visit
- in that case kindly [illegible] some [illegible]
as that I may make the arrangements. [illegible]
school I am [illegible] St Martins.
I am taking the boys to England entirely at my own risk &
expense. So will be glad of a letter [illegible] on the
road -

Yrs sincerely -

E. H. Wilson

Feb: 7th 8.

My dear Dr. Williams.

I am expecting to pass through Quebec on or about April 9–10 on my way to Halifax & England with 5 of my Indian boys – David (Ojibway age 20), Etuskitarin (Blackfoot age 17), Sonay (Pottowatami – age 15) Willie (Ojibway – 13); Elijah (Sioux 12) – My daughter Evie age 16 is also going with me to St. John N.B. & also with Mr. Brigstocke. Vide I am away.

Would it be possible to have a meeting for us in Quebec – and in that case could arrangements be made for the public of the party for a night?

I am taking the boys to England entirely at my own risk as regards expense – so would like to pick up a few crumbs by the way –

If Dr. Norman were alive I would have written to him – as he has generally made arrangements for us. As I have not him to apply to – I trust you will not mind my thus troubling you. Perhaps Mr. Judge will kindly do something for us.

With kind regards & respects

Yrs sincerely –

Edward F. Wilson

Feb. 7 8

D. McNicoll Esq.

Dear Sir

I am trying to arrange to take 5 of my Indian boys & Instruct via Halifax in April. Could you kindly arrange a low rate for us through from here via C.P.R. and Inter Colonial to St John & from St John to Halifax.

Ages of boys are 20 - 16 - 15 - 13 - 10 - 2d class -
& Myself & daughter aged 16 - ——— 1st class.

We purpose leaving here about April 3d - visit Ottawa - Montreal - St. John - & possibly one or two other places on the route - & sail from Halifax - April 25th. We shall probably be back to Montreal (direct) by July 1st. Old require return tickets from that point.

I am making this visit entirely at my own personal risk as regards expenses - as best you will do to best you can for me -

Remain dear Sir
Yours faithfully
Edward L. Wilson

Kelt. 7 8

My dear Dr. Pitt.

I am expect to pass through Montreal again - on or about April 7 - 8 - on my way to Halifax England ext 5 of my Indian boys. I have to stay a day or two in Montreal for my daughter who will be with me to visit an Oculist. Now if I wd mention the intended visit to you - as you might possibly arrange to visit us to Como for a week. Having been ill last in Montreal - last October - to deny, have me, and help to make it too soon for us to become again - I would stay + pick up a little help as we go along. As I am left to pay England entirely at my own risk as regards expenses -

Yrs sincerely -

S. L. Wilson

Feb: 7th 8

D. Kemp Esq.

Dear Sir

On the 24th November I wrote to his Lordship the Bishop of Toronto in regard to certain Indian estates for Algoma Mission Fund at the advised price - 275 dollars - but have not yet received any reply -

Will you kindly enquire of his Lordship what his intentions are - as we are still anxious to have 275 dollars.

Amt we owe for year ending December 1882.

My Bill to the Bishop has not been paid

200	Ch. Miss. News at 20 cents	(at prime cost)	40 -
200	Our Own Children at 8 cents	(at prime cost)	16
		per contra	$56

Dr	150	A. M. N. at 25 —	37.50	
	100	O.C. at 9 —	9	$46.50

Please let me hear as soon as possible about Cheque for last year

Yours truly

D. Wilson

Feb. 8th 8

Dear Canon Mockridge

Many thanks for your kindly notice of 'Our Lost Children' in last issue of yr. Church Magazine.

I have decided to go to England in April - take with me 5 of our Indian boys - namely David, Ojibway aged 20; Etukishamin, Blackfoot aged 16; Sonny, Pottawatami, aged 15; Willie, Ojibway, aged 10; and Elijah, Sioux, aged 10. We expect to leave here April 2d; take Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, & Halifax on the way - & sail from Halifax April 21st. visit London & Isle of Wight & start home again about June 1st. Had applied to the C.C.C.S. for assistance, but they are not able to give it. Then I offered my services to the Bishop of Algoma, & travel with him, & he to share with me the responsibility & to take all receipts & meet for the benefit of the Diocese, but the bishop did not deem to think it would work & thought we had better each have our own line; - so now I have decided to go - entirely at my own risk. I believe it is right to go - & for that reason I am going - & I doubt not God will open my way for me. When I started on the Montreal trip - had all but $15 towards expenses. It cost me $400, but I cleared $20. Have $15 now towards the English trip - I judge it will cost me about $400 &

to the Rob Party & Land as in London. Esq. I hope our contribution will come in & help me - & we shall be a little on the way as we go along. I mention this to you - hope that you will kindly call attention to it in the next issue of yr. Magazine.

If I can be of any service here in getting subscribers in England I shall be glad to do so. Would you like me to take 50 of the February number - & distribute as sample copies?

Yrs sincerely
S. H. Wilson

I have favorable correspondence with parent in regard to an Okla Home. They are going to assist me in the support. I hope to start it in the summer, & shall take in a dozen children from our Homes here to make a beginning. I want some Branch of the Women's auxiliary to take this up.

I hope also to have a Home at Bay City by & by - if Lodge will withstand.

Feb 11 8

O.T.C.

Dr. Jas. Rutherford
Dear Sir

I have send you copy for March No. O.T.C. today. I want you please type it out as soon as possible - also the April Number earlier than usual as I leave here April 3d for England - & want to take a thousand of the April numbers with me - also 500 of the Annual Reports.

I enclose you list of new subscribers to O.T.C. - Now a total of 554 Subscribers to date - Now are also

613 entitled to receive free copies - And I sent you
100 new names - list C - to whom send sample copies.
50 copies to myself -
83 Reserve -
1400 copies to be printed for March issue

I have just received your letter of Feb. 3d. - You had not at that time received mine of Feb. 1st. I hope you will answer that fully as I am afraid Address list No 2 for Christian Numbers must have gone astray - & please always after the acknowledge (by post card) receipts of Copy & address lists to day you at time as it will save me a great deal of worry - This is all about O.T.C.

Yours truly
C. T. Wilson

P. Card from Jos. A. Field
print 2000 copies O.T.C. Edition Table
not to exceed

A.M.R.

Feb. 11/84

Dr. Rev. Rutherford -

Dear Sir

In your letter of Feb. 3d just received - you say that you have 650 less out of the 1100 printed. There must be some great mistake somewhere. The number of subscribers to A.M.R. as I said in my letter of Feb. 1st is 1030. If you will refer to my letter of Nov. 15th & the list which I sent you the same day by book post - you will find that I gave you names of subscribers taken in all 1021 copies and I asked you to mark these 1021 copies in your address book. Since then the number has increased from 1021 to 1030. It seems to me that I have made it all as clear as possible in my letters & I cannot see how there can be any mistake. I hope you are not omitting to send the 275 copies to the Bishops of Toronto. You will find his name among those on the subscription list. It is quite impossible for me to go all over the work again. I am very much overworked as it is with the Rabbits. All you need do is to look up my past correspondence - & I am sure you will find every[illegible] as plain as possible. You will notice in my letter of Nov. 25th I bracketed together the 1021 { 5 Ships of Lewis &c. / List of Stations &c. } Of course all on the ships as well as all on the list were subscribers & had to be marked as such in your books. "All these should be marked" as I said. This is a[illegible] must be got right at once. It is very annoying [illegible] quite right with regard to Ann & Sarah Edwards. They are not subscribers [illegible] bracketed name of Ann.

Yrs &c J. L. Wilkinson

Feb 11 &

My dear Dr. Hale

I am preparing to go to England in April for a visit & take with me 5 or 6 Indian boys — 2 Ojibbeways, 1 Pottawatami, 1 Sioux, & 1 Blackfoot. I expect to be away from Canada nearly 3 months. getting back about the first of June.

I would like to know your views about establishing some kind of Smithsonian Institution in Canada. Do you see any prospect of it? — and if so where would be the best place?

You know my proposal to establish a small Institution at Ramsay. & have in connection with it a museum of Indian Curiosities & Indian literature — grammars dictionaries &c of the different tongues & dialects. It seems to me there is room for this kind as yet in Canada

Might I while in England mention the subject among those who would be likely to take an interest in it? — What do you advise?. Of course it is not a work that I can pretend to attempt myself. & perhaps it is scarcely wise for me to think of having any thing to do with it; but I had thought it might be an opportunity to call those interested in it see those Indian lads — & perhaps talk the matter over.

Yrs very sincerely
D. Wilson

Hope you received the Trans Roy Soc all safe.

Roman Catholic Bp.

Dear Sir

I am taking steps to arrange for a visit to England in April – to reach London (St) May 4th – & bring with me 5 of my Indian boys – I hope we shall be able to arrange to fill up time with meetings in and about London for about 3 weeks. I have asked my Publishers & Booksellers to, & make the necessary arrangements – I am doing entirely at my own risk as regards expenses – believing it is the Lord's will. What he will open the way for me –

Will you kindly let me know whether I may draw on you for the next £25 on or about the 20th of March or wait till April 1st – as I want as far as possible to settle with my employés before leaving home –

Yours Affectionately

Edward F. Wilson

1	Rev. J. H. Moody, Yarmouth, N.S.
1	Rev. Bigelow, Picton, Ont.
1	Bishop of Niagara, Hamilton, Ont.
1	C. H. Hall, Sault Ste Marie, Ont.
10 34	
16	Struck off list (as over)
10 18	Total Subscribers Oct. 11/88.
16	Nfld Northern 15, Nfld Coast 1.
1002	

AMN

Please to compare this list with the one marked in your subscribers book as at Oct. 11/88 & let me know if it is correct – I have added to the list 32 "fields" & struck off 16 – leaving 1002 copies. I do not like to have subscribers for more than 1000 copies. You have subscribed for 1002 // & I have struck off 16 // leaving 1002 copies. Send Nfld Northern 15 & Nfld Coast 1 – Yours &c – E.F.W. Oct. 13/88

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W. Mrs. Hallam

Sir

Enclose you cheques -

No 1950	Bank of Montreal -	37.50
" 18	S. Dobree & Son (£10.0.0)	48.40
		85.90

Please credit my acct - & I will send you to balance in 2 or 3 weeks -

Yours truly

F. H. Wilson

Feb. 13 8

Dear Miss Beaver

Will you kindly tell Mr Lewis
from me that it is evidently a mistake his having
been put on the books as a subscriber to A.M.R.
It is not in Mr Mitchell's writing or my own. It must
have been done since I saw me were both away - &
the name was put down by mistake. I have now
taken his name off as that he will not be charged
again for that he never received them. I am very
sorry that you should have had any annoyance
about it.

Thank you very much for letting me have $25 to draw
upon for fund. It is a very kind & liberal gift & I shall
like to accept it.

I am so sorry that the Christian Monitor & Baptist
& Reflector & he assures me they were mailed. If you do
not receive them when you get this will you kindly write
to Jno Rutherford, Printer, Wm Lowndes, & ask him to
once send duplicates to all who have not received them
as they must have been lost in the mail. I have not got
the supply here or would send them upon direct. I have
looked up Miss Crowder's acct. & certainly it is impossible

we can have received it. Mrs. W. keeps most of the photos. My daughter Lucie of Ann & my daughter Minnie of O.H.C. is between us all we must certainly have known if it was received. I am afraid it must have been lost in the mail. Was it a bill or a P.O. order? However I will send the photos & the paper at once. Miss Jane Barlow's address is 16 Wellington Row, Bethnal Green N.E.

Yours sincerely—
S. L. Wilson

Dear Miss Beaver

Excuse only a line in answer to your kind request for Roman measure. I am very busy this morning & Mr. Wilson writes his letters to go at once. You did not say exactly what measure I have sent you Roman measure but that would fit for any thing from a French Inch to six to which I refer you for any way. I have been [illegible] much pleased with [illegible] Yesterday [illegible]

Yours very truly
E. Frances Wilson

Feb. 14 P

Dear Mr Lewis -

Since writing last - I have received your letter of the 25th ult. I am hoping to carry out my plan to leave here April 3d with the 5 boys - God willing.

I am afraid we can not attempt printing with these boys. Hope a dozen more will come after these. Tell me what you think.

I am so glad you are getting on at the Mallets Creek. If you have any words spelled phonetically, send them to me.

In regard to your spelling I would strongly advise your using a in place of ä. Let us do as you pronounce it so as. It is not practicable to put in the boys without cipher in a printed book. We want to get the words as near as possible as they are pronounced. I think it will cause great confusion to have the letter a, sometimes pronounced as in cat sometimes as as in father. Your ah instead of aa I agree to. The te for the instead of to - to I see you do not adopt - so I am dropping it myself. In teaching the boys their own language I follow your example - with the exception of using a instead of ä. I think you will find all good & common sense in it. It will bother you I know to make the change at first but I strongly advise it. or else use aa instead of ä.

Many thanks for particulars about Montana &c. Will write all the boys to you.

With kind regards to Mrs & Miss Moore & Jas Cumming

Yours truly
C. H. Wilson

Please send duplicates of the following No have failed to receive them Copies

		Nov	Jan 1st
Mrs Beck,	Fredericton, N.B.	1	1
Mrs L. Alma,	Niagara, Ont.	1	1
Miss K. Lawrie,	" "	1	1
C. H. Hall,	Sault Ste Marie, Ont.	1	1
L. Coxwell,	Niagara Ont.	2	1
Miss Crouch,	Virgil, Ont	5	7

Any Others who will kindly complain shall still kindly type for duplicates.

Nov 14 8

Mrs Rutherford

Dear Li -

I have received the address lists O&C & am returning them to day. In the first card accompanying them you say please mark on the lists those to receive 8 pp per list Ann & those to receive 4 pp list Ann. The News that you have quite misunderstood my direction. These O&C. address lists have not yet been to do with Ann. -

Let me begin from the beginning & try to make it clear.

The long address books which Mr. Mitchell sent you contained all the addresses to which we had been sending Ann. free list subscribers all in one. (about 2900 in all).

At that time there were only 19 subscribers to O&C.

Instead of supplying you a separate address book for O&C. I told Mr Mitchell to mark in the Ann address books certain names to which for the present sample copies of O&C. were to be sent.

Is the all clear? What was the position they were in when you first commenced?

Since then I have sent you the O&C. address lists from time to time; these you have sent back for revision, & I have returned them; they have not yet to do with Ann. My amount as you will see on page 4 to 508 subscribers, 613 entitled to receive copy - & the corresponding with my letter Book of Jan. 25th.

the O.H.C. monthly should be mailed by them lists. It would be better to copy them into a book - leaving plenty of room for new names, as subscribers are increasing fast.

(3) Now as to the present mailing of AMR..

When Mr. Mitchell sent you the long address books there were about 1100 subscribers to AMR. and 1800 on the free list. Subscribers are to receive the AMR every month, free list every quarter. (1100 monthly, 1800 quarterly)

Since then I have sent you a few additional names to be added to the AMR subscribers list - & quite a number of names to be struck off the list - According to my last letter 3 days ago - there are now 1002 subscribers to AMR.

On Nov. 25th I sent you a little printed bill for 18 subscribers whose accts were overdue - & also a list of the rest of the subscribers who were not overdue. and I asked you to mark all these (1021 in all) as subscribers to AMR in those long address books.

As there seems to have been some mistake about this - I two days ago - sent out a full list of all the names of subscribers to AMR so that you might check over your book & see if the names are all correctly marked. I hope that after this explanation you will get every thing right - if not - the only way is for you to send those long address books back to me & let me mark them for you - but I cannot see the necessity for this.

I am not sending back to you the address list or the B sample list O.H.C. as you have no further need for them - Please send me 50 more of the Christian No. as soon as I can run out - & let me know just what you have left on hand of each publication.

Yours truly S. H. Wilson

Feb. 17 8

The Secretary
Lord for Prom. Christian Knowledge
Dear Sir

I have received your favor
of the 9th inst. and in reply would say, that I
did not understand that you wished either Indian
prayer books or Indian Testament to be sold - so
have always supplied them gratis when applied for.
I have supplied the Indian prayer books which
you refer to to the Missions of Moose Lake, Island
Parma, Kettle Point, Shegwiandah, Garden
River, and Rice Lake. Not being many
transactions to do not appear on any of our
books - & I did not know that it was necessary
to keep account of them. If you instruct me
to do so I shall be careful attend to it in the
future. I have at present 110 copies of the
Indian prayer book left in hand. I remain -
Sir a Recipient of them was sent also to Manitoba.

Yours faithfully
Edward C. Wilson

Feb 11/88 New Subscribers address list A M R.

1034
32 States off list abroad &c.
1002
23 States off list. (See back)
979

Mr Rathbun Feb. 17 88

Dear Sir

Be sure please and have all subscription acknowledged each time. I dont know if you had all 5 names in the Feby Number. And they would be more in solid to save room. Please send duplicates to end of Jost cards.

Sent you 65 by A M R March. this morning.

I shall send you rem. 9 C by for Annual Report a Month. Let me know that is to cost. Cato to go in again as last time. It will put in over or less if I can send in the Feby Number. I have never yet received the medal back. Yours truly

D. P. Wilson

Feb. 20 8

My dear Mr Linder

Mr Henderson has sent me on your note about the Norwegian woman.

Our matron here & the Shipyard has to attend both the cooking for the 40 or so boys - and for the employes' table - (schoolmaster - carpenter - & myself) - also attend the employes bedrooms - & have general oversight of the boys dormitories.

The boys under the matron do the scrubbing of floors washing up after meals - & one big boy does the heavy part of the knead[ing] & chops wood - & the matron directs.

I give the matron $12 a month if she is a woman that can manage with the boys & help her - but if she requires a girl-help her wages will be reduced to $10 - the girl receiving $5.

Will you kindly let me have a reply at once by Wednesday as I think the Norwegian woman could undertake the post - & if so - Matron she is will leave. My present matron was to leave March 1st - but will stay on a week or two till I get some one in her place.

I would pay $10 towards hire. each. if you judge it necessary.

Yr friend

S. F. Wilson

Shd. prefer no child, but will not refuse her on that acct. If a Norwegian good woman be found a cook also for our crew family at $8 if you know of any.

Feb 20 8

Revd. P. Cranford.

Dear Sir

I am expecting to pass through Ottawa April 5 or 6 with 5 of my Indian pupils en route for England & must needs stop a day — visit the Indian Department. Would it be convenient for you then a meeting for us to visit your congregation and Sunday School in our work. On our last visit Mr. Pollard kindly made arrangements for me & I do not like to take him to do so again. If you can make it convenient kindly let me know as soon as possible & I will then send you full details of our programme &c.

Yours sincerely

S. L. Wilson

Feb 21 8

Dr William Britt.

Dear Sir

Your card just received.

(1) Matron & Shipyard. Has to cook for about 40 boys and for employees table (colored, Carpenter, Blacksmith) - to attend the employees' bedrooms, Compound care of the dormitories, a little laundry work, &c. - She has 3 or 4 boys work under her. She keeps on hand all the heavy part of the kitchen work. The boys wash up the dishes - scrub the floors keep the lamps &c. She takes with her colored woman of a good character & assistant - wages $20 if the can manage alone: if she takes a girl under her $10 & girl $5. (work put out)

(2) Cook in my own family. Good plain cook, pleasant and willing - 2 boys work under her & do most of the work & scrubbing &c. (work put out) wages $8.

(3) Man & wife at the Warrant Home. Man as gardener & to look after horses & cows chop wood &c. - Wife as work woman will get girls under her - cooking, baking, & house work, (work put out) - 20 girls now at the home.

wages $30 for the two & find their own board.

Must be able to keep accounts.

(4) a gardener for the Shipyard - will have help in farm, chop &c if needed - $16 and board. for a Catholic man.

I have several Applications for these places but not decided on any one at present — Please let me hear at once — that you have suitable persons prepared to take them. Situations all vacant April 1st — as might take station & cook at once — please ascertain railway fare from Sault to Sault —

Yours truly —

C. L. Wilson

Margaret M. Laurie.

Yr reply & boxes just received —

(1) Matron — has to cook for 40 or 50 boys — also for the employes' table. Schools, carpenter — herself to attend to the employes' bedrooms. Cook after the boys dormitories — do a little sewing & mending &c. —

3 or 4 boys are appointed to work under her — A big boy does the heavy part of the kneading and baking — the boys do the washing up, scrubbing &c. heavy is put out. wages $12 & all found.

(2) Cook in my family — has to cook & attend to general house work. the only other servant being the nurse who helps also in house work — 2 Indian boys work under the cook — & do most of the washing up & scrubbing. Washing all put out — wages $8. & all found.

I cannot promise you either of these places — as there are other applications — but if you wish to take either of them please send references —

Yours truly

Feb. 22d 8

Dear Mr McMorris.

The two girls that would like to go into service in Kingston are Mary Peters & Maria Jackson. If to go & succeed & keep well it will doubtless do our Home good but if it don't succeed it will probably do us harm. However no progress can ever be made without once in a while taking a risk - & I would like to make the experiment. I don't positively know Mrs Reid wife of our doctor. She has had one of our girls - Charlotte Knapp - since Nov. 1st - I hope she will not be willing to part with her yet but she [illegible] Maria - as she is strong & healthy - But Mrs Reid will not part with her for ever. She has learned to make shirts since she has been - also does the work - housework &c - Mrs Reid is giving her $1 - and Mrs R will raise her wages to $1.25. If the boys is paid one & 25 cts a week & the girl as Charlotte - and if she wants clothes we supply her & charge her account. She for 6 months - so as to keep a hold on her & prevent her wasting her money. After that I shall keep what I have on hand in the Savings Bank for her - let her receive her full wages - but encourage her to keep adding to her Savings Bank acct. Will admire the plan if the two girls come to Kingston. Let me hear how you decide -

Mary had better come to us in Kingston. Your friend
S. Wilson

Send the girls here Carlotta &
Maria is also at Mrs Reids, work & 75 cts a week

Feb. 23 8

D. McNicoll Esq.
Dear Sir

I am disappointed with your letter of 17th inst. not receiving reduced fare for Jas. Peacher. and trust you will kindly reconsider. I purchased a box in October from Ogilvie & Montreal & back for $10 & none under 12 for $5. This was very cheap & did me a great service. Between you & the low rate I only cleared $29 as the result of the excursion. This time I can pay as a much larger & more expensive prize. My object here only to promote the welfare of the Indians. I leave all the above $29 to stand with & defend entirely on what we collect at meeting & must our expenses. Our party will likely be 8 in all viz. 6 Indians boy 2 clerk & self & daughter first class. I may come & trouble you again - but trust you may see your way to make me a better offer.

Yr faithfully
E. F. Wilson

Mr. McNicoll want tickets (if return) to extend over 4 months - collect attorneys at Ottawa & Montreal

Feb 23d 78

A. Busby Esq:
G. P. & T. Agent Intcol. Rail.
Dear Sir

I purpose to start on April 21st with 6 Indian boys aged 20. 16. 14. 14. 13. 10 and my daughter aged 16. to travel through New Brunswick & N. Scotia - & take passage by Allan Line Steamboat to Liverpool from Halifax April 21st - My object in so doing is to obtain if in my power in my work among the Indians. I have no Society behind me with funds - & am dependent entirely on my own exertions for my expenses. When I went on a similar expedition in 1877 with 2 Indian boys - Mr Bryson very kindly gave me a free pass. I could scarcely expect that at this time - but trust that - considering the great expense this trip to England will be to me & the object it is for - you will put my party through from Lewis to Halifax via St John at as cheap a rate as possible - myself & daughter will be at close the boys second.

Yrs faithfully
Edward R Wilson

I only need single tickets as we will return via Quebec.

Mrs Hooker

Feb 23 8

Dear Madam

Very many thanks for your kind note in which you express so much kind interest in our Indian Children. I will give the $1 to Mrs Bishop our Lady Supt - & let her choose a little girl - Your name is Dora Jacobs (a Delaware) how to spend it. She will also learn how to be pleased with the ribbon - The little girl in Mr Dodd about a year ago - She is a nice little thing & very forward for her age in her lessons. Our pupils learn a new text every week - & Dora will soon learn to be pleased by heart - & I am sure Mr Dodd will mark it in her little remember it.

I hope I be in Halifax with 5 or 6 of my Indian pupils - on our way England - about the 15th of April - & Dr Hale is making arrangements for me to hold some meetings.

Yours truly

Edward A. Wilson

Feb. 24 8

My dear Mr Hale

Your kind letter are always encouraging. I shall be exceedingly glad of a note of introduction to Mr Bloxam — I shall certainly make a point of calling on him at 3 Hanover Square — I wish I could visit Lost! I have arranged with Captain Pratt to take 2 of his Carlisle boys. so that both schools & both Countries may be represented — I trust Mr Pratt's plans may be successful & that some good interest may be aroused in the cause of the Indians — I am making a large map 7 ft 6 feet — shewing how the Indians are at present located both in the States & in Canada — a little black crosses shewing the position of Institutions — 104 in the States & only 7 in Canada. I should like very much to call on Sir Donald Smith in Montreal — but ought I not to have a note of introduction? — Can you name any other occasions when I might try to press matters — & introduce my boys?

Yours sincerely
T. L. Nelson

Feb 22 2

Dear Adams

Your letter just received - I shall be very glad to take your letter bag in to Paris. You can send him if you wish & else will take it for him from England in fact -

I have already made all arrangements for taking bags with me to England - I am to start from here on April 3d - My wife will be there for Easter - not much longer -

Yours sincerely -

J. H. Wilson

Feb. 25th 8

J. B. Tyrrell Esq.

Dear Sir

I am sending you a copy of my Indian Drawings lately. The price is $1.25.

I am expecting from Mr. Ottawa April 5th or 6th with 5 of my Indian boys on our way to England. My object being that of some assistance in the matter of civilizing educating & Christianizing the Indians of the Dominion.

I have sent me a large map which I have made showing the position of all the Indian tribes on the Continent together with their approximate number in each State province or district & crosses marking location of Indians in the States & Canada.

Last summer I made a report on the Blackfoot Indians for the British association & I hear it is shortly to be published. I am also in correspondence with Mr. Hale of Clinton Ont. doubtless you know. Mr. Hale advises me that in Ottawa they were more interested in the matter with a view to promoting my plans. Perhaps you could kindly assist me in this.

Yours faithfully

Edward S. Wilson

On second thought - I enclose you Mr. Hale's letter for your perusal - Please return it.

Feb 25 8

Rev. Dr Hole

Dear Sir

Your kind letter has just reached me. Many thanks for so kindly undertaking to make arrangements for our party. We have definitely settled to sail from Halifax by the Carnatic on Saturday April 21st. But the time of our arrival must depend on how our time can be filled up at Halifax & at the places on the way. I think the best plan to arrange Sir is to work from Halifax backwards. If you will kindly say how many days we can fill up in Nova Scotia & Amherst are the principal places on the line. Could you arrange for meetings at these places. Say Amherst Sunday 4th Evening 8th - We could then reach Halifax Sunday evening 11th. Have a meeting on Friday evening & the last on Saturday. On Monday 14th April we would gratefully be having a meeting either at Moncton or St Johns. Sir I shall arrange with Canon Partridge to. Will you kindly ascertain from the Clergymen at Truro & Amherst, or any other places you may think most suitable. Note by which we could receive our arrangements at Londonderry. Kindly let us hear as soon as possible - as it is difficult to make all fit in.

Yours very truly Edward L. Wilson

Feb. 20th 8

Messrs. H. & A. Allan

Dear Sirs

I have received yours from Otto Mo. visit - and - of 18th instant & present - Will hope to avail myself of your offer - & sail for Liverpool with Indian boys & Instructions from Halifax between April 20th.

I shall be glad to hear from you Rates you can give me through tickets from Sault Ste Marie & Liverpool & special arrangement with the Railway Companies - with as - Net will be the cost. I shall require 2 first class railway tickets for myself & daughter (the latter to remain at St. Johns N.B.) and 5 or possibly 6 second class tickets for the Indian boys. I shall require also to stop over at Ottawa - Montreal - Quebec - St. John. N.B. Amherst - & Toronto tickets & date from April 2d & to be good for 3 weeks, as I shall be stopping at above places - holding meetings - on my way eastward.

I shall not have funds enough to pay cash down for return passage either on the Ocean or by rail, so must trust to the liberality of the Company's representatives on the other side of the water for my return - I remain dear Sirs

Yours faithfully

S. P. Wilson

Feb 28th 8

W. Rhs. Rutherfurd
Esq

(1) I send you Volume 9 Annual Report to-morrow I got them from the publishers Feb. 22d. - I hope you received them all right & one copy them printed for you. I think I wrote some time ago & told you that I should want 1500 of them this time. (1000 to send to a Book in Russia - & 300 to take to England). The postage can be the same as last time - but I mentioned you might put in some of the Reports cuts.

(2) I wrote you about some Specimen Pages of the Book to see (as it is not) if you are satisfied & I can order them badly.

(3) The Savings Bank books have arrived & are satisfactory.

(4) Have you received any more cuts from the Harper Engraving Co? They had several more of them for us.

(5) Have you got those cuts back from Hamilton? - You will want them for Ann. Report. I am sorry them to lend me this cut of Wall Companies for April 1st of A.M.N. So you will understand Not this - when it comes.

(6) Please send me in your bill for each job as soon as completed - as I like to keep all posted on our books.

Will send you address list for Annl Reports in a few days -

Yrs truly C. Wilson

Feb. 28 8

W. D. & Bain Esq.
Dear Sir

Your letter of 18th & 20th inst. received. Allan Lewis offers to take us for $50 & boys at $15 each - so I think I shall go by one of their boats. I shall however not take single tickets. & shall probably return by your line - from Liverpool & Montreal about middle of June if your Company will make the rate as low as possible. I rather expect to have 7 or 8 Indian boys with me at the last.

I cannot quite understand what the railway rates. You say Sault & Halifax - 1st cl. - 21.20
2d cl. 15.75
Return in summer. P. Levis Montreal & Sault - $19
2d cl. $12.

Is it allow $2.20 for the pass from Montreal & Halifax plus cost from Sault & Sudbury. Are these figures correct?

Yrs faithfully
Edward F. Wilson

Dec. 29 8

The Superintendent Genl
of Indian Affairs
St.

I have to Inform Lackawaxie
Jr. letter of the 20th inst. (Jr. 20. 226) - Convey. Cheque
for $38.55 cts - to be applied towards cost of
Articles required in the Postmaster's Bill for the use of
Thomas Wapeniah.

I also your desire that the grant of the Department
should not be made public so that it may not be
quoted as a precedent.

I also note that the amount contained in the Cheque
is advanced by the Department to Thos Wapeniah as a
Loan for the purpose of advancing him in his trade, and
is to be repaid by him to the Department as soon as
he is in a position to do so.

I am quite satisfied with the above arrangement &
shall endeavour to see that the wishes of the Department
are carried out.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
Edward D. Wilson

March 2d 1

Mr. William Hewitt

Dear Sir

I regret that it was quite impossible for me to take the man & wife of the name asked. I am at present keeping one man for the year to just cover expenses. To hand him would cost me another £100 - which is out of the question. For a little school of 20 feet. wit a lady Asst in charge - all we need is a man who can do a little garden & close work - & wife who can cook. No Coachman gardener would probably suit a place like theirs.

The gardener gardener would probably suit me - but I feel him up too before making terms. He cost probably £70 & then is no garden, & he done before the 1st of May. I would not care to take him earlier than that unless he paid 3/4 his exp. I am several applications from Nurserymen.

Yrs truly

S. L. Wilson

I would give £22 & board & gardener wife - wife do cook in my own family.

March 2d 1

Mrs Edward Stubbs

Dear Madam

Yesterday Night I received your kind letter & enclosure of £3. 2. 2. being £3 towards support of our Homes. I for Ch. C & 1 for Miss Dickson for A. M. N. Another time when you wish send English postage Stamps. I can perhaps manage in some way to defray them. The article you enclose shall be inserted in the April No of A. M. N. I will also have your address changed. We sometimes receive Post Office orders for small sums from England.

I am trying to arrange to visit England early in May & hope to see 5 of my Indian boys. Would there be any room for me in Dover if so could the boys be put up with? too much expense. Mr & Miss Revd D. K. Wilson, Metcalfe, S. to make arrangements for me.

Yours very truly

Edward K. Wilson

March 2nd 8

Mr Laurie

I have received your letter asking position of Master here at the Lieutenant House & to term March. and will be obliged if you can come up as soon as possible - as our present Master is ill wit pleurisy - & he have no one to do the work.

You will need to come by way of Orillia & Gravenhurst with to Lake Nipissing then by the Canada Pacific railway via Sudbury & Algoma Mills to Sault Ste Marie. I cannot tell what the cost will be as the lines are not one - but I enclose you $15 which amount will be deducted from your wages till end of your first year & will then be repaid you in condition that you agree & remain a second year at the same pay.

Yours truly

S. Wilson

You will of course take care twice.

Mayfield 23d 8

My dear Mr Brenfield

I am sorry that you should for a moment have thought that I would be so inconsiderate as to cease sending you papers before hearing from you that you wished to discontinue them. The delay in sending them has entirely been owing to change of publication. I now have the papers printed here at a small office 300 miles away from here - but the distance makes it awkward as it takes several days for letter & parcel - & the publisher has to do the mailing. There was a little misunderstanding about the subscription list which I sent to him & this was the cause that you did not receive your copies. This now has been rectified - & I trust that ere this you have received them -

I have made arrangements to visit England in May with 5 of my Indian boys & hold meetings they sing at Oakland in one hour. My brother - Rev. D. L. Wilson, Millsboro, Pa. & make the arrangements -

Yours sincerely

D. L. Wilson

I will order 18 copies of the event for you -

Mark'd 1

Re Mercantile Bank of Montreal
Liquidated paid drafts as
follows:—
Drawn on Nat. Prov. Bank of England.
No. F. 30777 —— £3. 4. 2.
Bank of Brit. N. Am. St Johns. NB
No. 50 —— $75.00
Bank of Montreal - Ask Dept.
No. 3[illegible]908 - $28 53
Kindly advise me of the amount credited.
Yours truly
S. H. Wilson

March 5th 1

Geo H. Rowsell Esqr.

Dear Sir Rowsell

Yr letter of the 13th ult just received - It is very kind of you to agree to guarantee the £50 towards support - I heard lately privately from Van Koughnet - a very kind letter says that we shd probably receive a grant towards the Elkhorn equal to that grant of the Bd of Respectable land for the Prot. at Winnipeg or elsewhere - This I think is satisfactory - but had better not be talked about - till we hear more - In the meantime I think we are fully justified in going ahead - & I quite agree to all yr proposals that coal Red - stoves - wall paints &c - You will know best what school seats desks &c - Nelson's pencil used in your section of County & most easily procurable - also as to cork Mats &c - I shall be quite satisfied with yr judgment - I think single are better than double beds for boys over 12 - but as we expect to have all young boys - double ones will do -

Yr Sincerely Rupertsland - I shall not be able to come up to your section from August - & I dont think we can attempt to make a start till then - In the mean time - I shall keep

agitating the matter both in print & correspondence - shall try & find a lady & take charge - & tell them to send boxes & bundles of clothing, blankets &c - they must to pay charge - It will be well I think if you will let Missionaries, Indian agents &c know of the probability of one being in August - so as to get names of pupils with[illegible] - So long as the Supt is a lady - I would not accept any boys more than 12 years of age

I am a little uncertain at present about my English trip - We have measles in the neighborhood - & if it puts it to Home I shall not be able to go - You are also one or two of the little children - I shall probably be able to decide within 2 weeks - My present plan is to leave here April 3d & get back here July 1st.

Elijah was delighted with your kind letter & the dollar - He was quite well for me to keep the letter and next week he came home & said "may I buy a bible with my money" - So he has bought a nice gilt edge reference bible for 50 cents - & had 10 cents in cash - I saw him with his bible in class yesterday when the lessons were read -

Yours very sincerely
S. H. Wilson

If you want money, write me before leaving & I can forward - furniture &c let me know - but I do not suppose you will. What can have of it suits you - as I may be mistaken.

March 8

Mr. W. B. Pratt

Dr Sir

Thought I would write you in reference to the couple you mention'd for the Wawasee — if they are not yet engaged. I will offer them the following terms:-

To board themselves and 20 Indian girls ranging from 8 to 16 years of age - including boys. — as already proposed — $30.
20 girls @ 3.20 each per month. — 64.
$94.

(If room all comfortably as we provided.)

Ninety four dollars a month - & $3.20 per month for every additional Indian girl. I know a great deal is saved by getting things in in Wholesale quantities - & I think they would save quite $20 a month over and above the board acct. The girls are accustomed to simple farm house & Cottage fare.

If the couple agree to come on these terms - I will give $25 toward travelling expenses if they arrive by 1st April, & $20 if they arrive by 1st of May. To come now by train will probably cost them more than $25, but to come by boat 1st of May (a week after) $20 will about cover the expense. My present man wife will remain with me till May 1st if needful.

Yours truly
S. F. Wilson

Kindly let me hear from you - as I am shortly leaving for England.

March 7th 8

Revd H. P. Hobson

Dear Sir

I am very sorry I have to disappoint Mrs McNichol, – but just after writing to you I received a letter from another person I was in correspondence with giving Capital references & accepting the situation – was quite necessary for her. Letters are so long travelling at this time of year that it is difficult to keep pace – & our present situation being ill with pleasing I was anxious to get some one as quickly as possible – & of course could not wait for your answer might be

I am still want a cook for my Jewish family – if Mrs McNichol would be willing to take that situation – but can only afford to give £8. It is by no means a hard place – as work is all put out. & 2 Indian boys do all the scrubbing & wash up dishes. We keep a nursegirl who helps with the bedrooms & house work – & a sewing girl who gives half her time to Tailoress work and half her time to me. Then I make the kitchen part. The nursegirl is a very nice pleasant young woman & has been 7 years with us. Only plain Cook is needed. If Mrs McNichol would settle in with us & make it her home. I would try & raise her wages a little at the end of 6 months. or if the matron I have engaged does not answer she might have the chance & take her place.

kindly let me know at once.

yrs truly E. L. Wilson

I would beg to inform you that I have engaged the matron you mentioned to fill the situation at the Asylum

March 7th 8

W. Alan Stone
Dear Sir

I am very glad to hear of the formation of your "Boys' Mission Band". Mr Nevin, in Montreal, started a "Boys' association" — more than a year ago. & the support of our Indian boys takes great interest in him.

As your "Boys' mission Band" is just newly started — I have thought you might like to take up "a new thing".

We built last summer a new "Brandt Home" at Oklahoma in Manitoba. It is a small institution for about 16 pupils. And I want at once to get support for the pupils who we expect will enter about the 15th of August next. I have promise of one left from last summer — & intend to engage a lady to take charge as Superintendent. Now will you — instead of supporting a boy at the Shingwauk (Both the Blackfoot are taken up) — prepare for the reception of a boy at the Oklahoma Institution — get him his bedstead & his mattress & pillow & blanket & sheets — & some clothes — & then when 15th August comes begin & support him. Let me hear from you & then you will do this — & if not — I will find you a boy here. If you want me to get him clothes &c. you can have 12 copies a week for 1 year for a dollar. Or if you support a boy you will get 10 copies free. Yours sincerely E. Wilson

8 March 8th 1

J. J. Wright Esq.

Dear Sir.

Your letter wit enclosures received & they enclose receipt -

Your last remittance paid us in full to March 8th as Rot to Genl. payment is for 3 mos. in advance.

I think I wrote some little time ago that Thomas Wapisk had nearly completed his course with us - & having learned to boot making trade - I hoped best him up in a small way at his home at Jackson River. I have since written to the Indian Department & in reply they request to know how much Sir John will think they in a stock of boots &c they in wit. He by left us about a week ago - as Rot to £10 25 in wh needed for his support.

I have now to propose you - either for your Sandy Lake to adopt such steps as may in Wapisk's place - or (Wh I should prefer) assist us in starting the Brandon House at Elkhorn in Manitoba. That Institution which is at present a small one wit accommodation for Superintendent & 16 pupils was built last summer - Early in Spring it will be painted finished & furnished - & we hope to open it about the 15th of August. I am trying to induce Sandy Lake to

adopt prospective pupils at the Elkhorn Home - &
during the interim before it is found & let them contribute
so toward providing bedstead - blankets - clothing & such as
will be required by their prospective pupil. Will you
kindly present the plan to your teachers & scholars &
let me know the result. I hear from Ottawa that
there is good prospect of our receiving liberal support
from Council - do feel quite sanguine that with God's
blessing the Ins[illegible] Institution will succeed as well as
have our old Home and will be full to [illegible]

Kindly let me hear as soon as possible as I
expect to go to Europe the 1st week in April.

Yours truly
S. F. Nelson

March 8th 8

D. McNicoll Esq.

Dear Sir

I am very sorry that I should you again but there must be some misunderstanding that the rate you offer for myself & Indian boy from here to Quebec & back.

Last October we travelled 2d class to Montreal and back for $10 each adult; $5 each those under 12.

In your letter of February 17th 1888 (no charge 875) you say from Sault to Quebec and back $40 first class, $28 second class, & yet Quebec is only 170 miles beyond Montreal!

Has not your clerk made an error & put in double the amount that you intended to charge? I cannot help think it so - as in your letter of March 3rd (875) just received you say "I think the 2d class rate of $14 Sault Ste. Marie & Quebec is quite as good as $10 Algoma & Montreal". If your offer is $20 1st class and $14 2d class for the round trip from Sault to Quebec I am perfectly satisfied. Kindly let me know if this is not you intended. Also think I am to procure the tickets from your agent here.

Yrs faithfully
E. D. Wilson

March 8

Mr. Thos. Rutherford
S. L.

Dear Sir: You copy for April No O.H.C. by this mail - and must you hope it out a week or ten days earlier than usual. so that I may receive 500 copies here at latest than the 1st of April, - also 500 copies of the Annual Report of Bird I want to take with me to England.

If you find it will cost too much hand the above two - Mail me 50 copies of each by mail - & send the balance by express to care the Supt Gen. Indian Affairs, Ottawa, & I will pick them up there going.

You will need to print 1800 copies O.H.C. for April.

Names of subscribers (as per enclosed)	617
entitled to copies	618
Reserve	65
To myself	500
	1800

I have not yet received my bill to date - please send it at once - as I like that amount posted in our books.

I would like balance of Chiefs Numbers also sent here. Have you any left of O.H.C. for October Nos - I have none - & am out of those Nos.

Yours truly E. F. Wilson

March 6

My dear Lord -

I left prepaid you this morning about noon. It was my intention to send out Mrs McDonald & us at daylight. & to advance her the £10 (which I owe you) - but unfortunately I had already engaged Mrs Lawrie of 223 Shaftesbury Street & am expecting her this evening. If she had not started when my telegram reached you I hope that the many prevented from coming in case Mrs McD. may cancel & the servants visit the woman for the place - indeed I think if possible her husband might also as gardener. I suppose I shall have to pay Mrs Lawrie something to make up for the disappointment - but will wait to hear from or see her before writing to her. I had enclosed £15 for travelling expenses.

We hear from Adam that you are likely to leave April 7th by the Parisian. That will be just a fortnight before we start. I hope we shall meet Rita in England. No doubt I shall hear from Mr Martin when you are & what we may do.

I hope you & I have had my letter. Lucy is thinking

Yr devoted

C. H. Wilson

Mond 9th 8

W. Jno Rutherfurd

Dr Sir

I yesterday sent you 65 C. D.C. for April. And will be glad if you will put it over a week earlier than usual. Letter just received have decided on not to take any Indian boys to England but it is still possible I may do myself. To please have 500 C Spies of April D.C. & 500 of the Annual Report ready for me - to be sent by express to Halifax or any other point that I may direct you. Also send about 25 C Spies of each to my address here & track me if possible the 30th of March.

You will send to print 1800 C Spies D.C. for April namely - to subscribers (as per enclosed) 600
entitled to C Spies - 600
Reserve - 65
Yourself - 500
1800

I have not yet received your bill to date. Please send it at once. as I like to keep exact debit & credit on our book.

I would like balance of Christian Number also sent to me. Have you any C Spies of D.C. for Oct & Nov. I have none & am very much in want

Yrs truly S. L. Wilson

March 16th

My dear Capt. Pratt -

The Ship I fear is not "tracked or to hold" as regards my plan for taking Indian boys to England. Letters received last night say decidedly that provision cannot be made for accommodating the boys. It will not do for an arrival in London with 6 or 7 Indian boys & no place to take them to. I am greatly disappointed about it - but fear it is not wise to urge it upon Perhaps by May next Congress may get in some untrammelled form.

Yours sincerely -

Edward H. Wilcox

Mem. No 8

To the Editor of the Record.

Dear Sir

I am reluctantly obliged to give up my proposed trip to England with some of my Indian boys. Since making the arrangement two of the children have broken out in our Institution, and letters from England discourage my bringing the boys on account of the difficulty there might be in finding accommodation for them. Taking these two circumstances into account it seems best not to attempt the expedition.

Edward D. Wilson

(If mention was made in my letter of Feb. 17 – please consider the above as an explanation. If my last has not been received – it will not be necessary to make mention of this –

E. D. W.)

Mar 10th 8

Rev. P. Gaudin Jones.

Dear Sir

Many thanks for your kind letter. I waited till things were more settled before answering & regret that I have now to give up the proposed trip to England. My friends there cannot see their way to provide accomodation for the Indian boys. & it would be too great expense if I had to pay hotel for them

It is very kind of your Sunday School to promise us $50.

Would it be well for me to apply to the Oklahoma Institution in Manitoba. We expect to open that Branch Home in August. & I want to find some schools at once to take prospective pupils. & until the Institution is opened let the Contributions be applied towards purchase of furniture &c.

Yours sincerely

S. H. Wilson

March 10 8

My dear Mr. Lewis –

Many thanks for the Blackfoot hymns just received – I am very busy I have to finish up my English tasks – My friend in England cannot see his way to provide accommodation for my Indian boys – & I could not risk [illegible] unless that matter were first settled. Clarkson has been in bed two days with rheumatism – but I think will be up tomorrow. Appleberry is quite well. One Little Bull from the Wawanosh is sick at the hospital – & I fear consumption – but we must hope for the best. It is just possible I may go myself to England when the Bishop goes. If I do not I shall try to get out to see you again this summer. We hope also to start an Oklahoma hospital this summer –

Yrs very sincerely –

Edward F. Wilson

I am glad Y. Bishop did so far forward what SPCK will undertake it – I do recommend it to their Grace.

March 10th 8

My dear Mr. Hale

Thank you very much for so kindly sending me a note of introduction to Mr. Bloxam. I am sorry to say I am very much disappointed about my intended English trip & I am afraid it is for it all thro' about (1) My Bishop is for some time away and the funds of our Diocesan Society too low to plead for that. I offered to join them & let all collections & meetings go to the Diocesan fund provided he assisted me a little with expenses ——— but the Bishop is not very warm about my work & does not I think fancy appearing on the same platform with Indian boys — so if we both go — we go separately — which I fear may not create a happy impression in (2) There is difficulty about procuring accommodation for my boys in England. My friends are ready to get up meetings, drawing rooms &c for me but cannot undertake to help me about the accommodation. I am afraid most of our good Christians in England will prefer taking a 'Buffalo bill' exhibition or reading about them instead of having natives in a Missionary Magazine. to talk up the work in the way I want to do it. There are not many good Samaritans in the present day who will step aside out of the beaten path to raise those whom fortune has laid low. I think the Quakers were the best friends the Indians ever had. It is just possible that I may still go to England (Bishop join

Mr Bishop) – I am not sure that I can make room for your letter just at present but will do so in the next. I am very much obliged to you for your kindness in sending me the Smithsonian Report for 1861 and also for the Report of the Commissioner of Agriculture for the same year. I have not had time to look over the latter but have glanced at the former and find it very interesting. I shall be very much pleased to receive your paper on the Ancient Mexican Calendar System and will endeavour to find room for it in the next number of the Canadian Journal. I am sorry to say that the Journal is not a financial success and I am afraid will not be able to pay contributors for some time to come. I am very much obliged to you for your kind offer to assist me in procuring contributions but I am afraid that I am not in a position to accept it at present. I am glad to hear that you are in good health and that your literary labours are proceeding so satisfactorily. I am very busy at present with my duties as Professor of History in University College and have but little time for literary work. I am glad to hear that you are in good health and that your literary labours are proceeding so satisfactorily. I am very busy at present with my duties as Professor of History in University College and have but little time for literary work.

Yours sincerely,

D. Wilson

I have recently written a short article entitled "Relics of White Men among the Indians of North America" which I intend to send to the Canadian Journal. I am also writing a paper on the Mound Builders of the Ohio Valley, in which I intend to refer to the Smithsonian Report. I am sending a copy of the Mail but do not know if it will suit it or not. If it does I would value your criticism.

Sundown - Mar 11th 8

My dear Lord.

Since I you yesterday morning that our letters just received from England I had relinquished my idea of going with Indian boys - & in the evening I received your letter dated from Bracebridge.

As the trouble of which you complain is now removed it is I think unnecessary to refer to the points you mention now if you require it I will take them up seriatim.

Last evening I had earnest prayer for guidance with my "English friends". & I think Almighty God has shown us His will in His matter. We met again tonight & I explained to them how matters stood & they all feel quite satisfied that it is as God will for us & for England at this time.

I trust God may be with you & that your mission may prosper. None of us can do anything right except with His guidance.

Mrs Sullivan has kindly invited Lucie to Toronto. & I think we shall avail ourselves of Mr Halls kindness to escort her as far as Carleton place. I am sending one of my Indian girls to service in Kingston. & Lucie will go with her - see Bertie & then on to Toronto. Yrs sincerely

Edward L Wilson

March 12th 8

Rev'd Dr Rand

Dear Sir

I am very sorry to hear of your recent illness & that you should have extra trouble of re writing. Not you had already prepared for me Mr to Micmac Indians - I now endorse your article & copy of the questions -

Last week I wrote an article - chiefly gathered from Smithsonian Reports - entitled "Before the White man arrived" - & sent it to the Toronto Mail If they put it in - & you happen to see it - I would like to receive your criticisms -

I had intended to go to England next week with 5 of my Indian pupils - but circumstances have interfered to prevent -

When writing again will you kindly give me names of any in Canada who are interested in Indian work - so that I may send them my papers -

Yours sincerely

Edward F. Wilson

17th March 8

Robt Coulter Esqr

Sir

I have had the woods thoroughly examined and find about 10 p.ct. is soft & the appraisement for all hardwood, shall stand, viz 15.— on the woods & 10.— on the landing (allowing a total average of 12.50) If this amount pleases you, I will have the wood taken away, through out the soft & charge your account accordingly

Edward L Wilson

Mr Brodbe

March 16 8

Dear Madam

Your letter to the C. M. S. enquiring about my work among the Indian children was forwarded by brother Rev. D. K. Wilson, Middletown – & he has written me telling me of it contents.

I have much pleasure in sending you by this mail a packet of our Report & papers – Which will explain how under God's providence my work first came into existence & how it has since been carried on –

My object is that – altho surrounded by many difficulties – I feel persuaded that God has called me to the work. I have no power in myself – & can exercise no influence but God has I think used my weak efforts in the past. & I believe will yet prosper me in the future extension of the work & that I am not looking forward –

I had hoped to visit England this Spring with 5 or 6 of my Indian boys, but things have gone against it – & I am now awaiting God's time –

Yours faithfully

Edward D. Wilson

March 16th 8

Dr Laurie

I am sorry that you should have been disappointed that the matter hitherto has not yet been arranged. The Bishop it seems engaged Mr McNicol for no vacancy would occur. What I may say that I had already written to engage you.

I have another proposal to offer you if you are willing to accept it. named the matter hitherto at the Parsonage House - which is only about one third the size of the Boys' House & not so many things to attend to.

I would give you the choice of wages $10 and all found or $15 a month & $3.20 a month for each pupil. & board yourself & the pupils. - Now are 20 pupils at present which amounts to $60 a month - & this will $15. comes to $79 a month. Please let me hear at once whether you accept this. The place will be vacant April 1st but if more convenient to you to come at once do so - & we will manage to put you up - but your pay will not begin until April 1st.

I did not write sooner as I expected you would already have left Toronto.

Yrs truly

J. J. Wilson

I have already sent you $15 for your money.

Mad. 16th 8

My dear Capt. Pratt –

Mails have been delayed 2 days & I just received yours of the 8th & 10th last night – the latter replying to mine of the 2d. In the mean time you will have received my letter of 1 March 18th. Says that the Hole King was knocked on the head.

Best New temperance repulses generally in the end I find lead to some kind of lapse. And I believe the Lord's hand is in it. He recedes some parties & tempts for a lapse even up to the beach. I believe our cause is a great & good one & that Almighty God has called us to undertake it.

If it cannot be done through the regular appointed channels we must try with God's help & form a new channel.

For myself, as a Clergyman of the Ch. of England, I seem almost powerless under the Ch. of England authorities back me. My own Bishop is against the extension of my work. Societies do not help me. Contributions are miserably small compared to what is needed. All these work it seems to me is carried on on such narrow principles. I want to get above all these two & appe

to the Conscience of the nation - But how can I do it alone? Could you not manage to go, & let me join you, - can take two or three of our boys - take them all cabin with us if you like - & trust to Providence for results. My work is rapidly & favorably now at last finished - & I am sure I could get letters from Lieut Macdonald, Hon. Mrs White (Lord Dufferin's sister) Lieut Col Bowden of the U.S. & old Mrs - not that I would ask you - to hold public or distinctively Church of England) meetings - to promote the welfare of the Indians of North America. & under Col Buffalo Bill's banner also. I will go with you heart & soul in every way if you can see your way to make the visit - How would next July or August suit you?

Yours very sincerely -

Edwd A. Wilson

I should think Joshua Jones & Carlos Montezuma would be capital hands for our purpose - Montezuma is a good name - & carries with it the idea that I am true & persuasive - that the Indians are not a race of slaves - but an intelligent intellectual people with a great past but an obscure present -

March 16th 8

W. Ins Rutherford
Dear Sir

I am sending you copy for Alg. Mass here to day. 2800 will be exempt print - viz 978 subscribers - 22 reserve - and 1800 free list.

(1) How is it you have 234 over of the February number O&C.? Did you not send out 100 copies as samples? - I sent you an addenda list of 100 names for February as well as for January & March. Please send me here 30 each of January, February & March. I will send you a fresh sample list for you send 100 of February, so as to get them off hand.

(2) Annual Report just arrived - it is very nice but there are some few little mistakes in spelling here & there. I only wished 1500 - but as you have printed 2000 it cannot be helped

(3) Therefore you owe me a/c for 500.

Yrs truly
T. L. Wilson

March 17 8

Dear Mr. Lewis -

I sent you a card yesterday about Blackfeet - Last night he was shot[illegible] blood. Appekoshia says he has been sick in the same way before -

If he gets worse - & is at all able to move - would it be better for me to bring him back at once & risk the journey - or to do the best we can for him here & trust to God for his recovery.

I cannot you know the people better than I do. If you wish me to bring him - telegraph me.

I dont consider him in any danger at present - but think it best to write to you at once.

In regard to your letter just received - I do not at all press for any man Blackfeet to come here at present - indeed I would not take them unless they were entirely will - I think it wd create more confidence - if I just came quietly to visit you - not ask for any - & return without any this time. I only suggested it more because it was one of Mr. Letters you said there were other talks not pro -

Yrs sincerely

C. F. Wilson

Many Kisses for Mr Matthews -

March 15th 8

William Foodertown Esq.

Dear Sir

Last year (1847) I was look-
over last report of Hospital for Sick Children - I always
think a work prospered looks healthy when there is some
little deficit each year - it looks like faith and
exertion in the work.

In the course of the year we collected among
teachers and Indian boys £20.17 - Which sum
I now enclose - I think every penny was an act
of self denial - Some of the elder boys gave £1.5s
and 1s & some quite small ones 10 15 & 20 cents
Which in several cases means the deduction of 3 or
4 buns pocketmoney.

Kindly hand to Clique in & to Doctor Spratten
and oblige

Yours sincerely

Edward F. Wilson

(I gave up contributing to one Institution in Toronto because
I found by raised money by 'Calico balls' &c)

March 19th 8

Rev. Augustin Beccard -

Dear friend -

We expect to open a new Home for Indian boys at Elkhorn in Manitoba this Summer - & I had thought of moving one or 2 of our pupils up there to make a beginning, if the parents consent - That is Not your boy Alex who is it - I will not be till about August - I shall be able to take quite a number of new pupils this Summer & shall be glad then if there are any more wanting to come from Portage Rein - Paul Fulmutwallamisk Sis is with us wants his sister Mary much to come very much - I will soon get out a new kind of Paper for the parents to fill in and sign -

Yrs truly

S. L. Wilson

Marion has left Hooping cough - but is not very bad. She is able to be about.

March 21st 8

James C. Pilling Esqr.

My dear Sir

I shall have much pleasure in sending you copies of my little paper "Our Forest children" every month - & will at once send you a packet of all the back numbers that have been published. My own little efforts seem insignificant & small compared to the great work that your Smithsonian Institution is doing - & I sometimes wonder how you - Mr. Hale - & others can take any notice of me - However I may say that within the last few years I have begun to take a very deep interest in the history & languages of the various Indian tribes not only of Canada but of the whole Continent. I am reading very carefully through all the Smithsonian publications you have so kindly sent me - am exceedingly interested in the Pueblo - Zuni - & Mexican Indians. & I hope some day to pay you in some way for your visit here. I am in communication now with a good many missionaries & others engaged in Indian work - & am trying as far as possible to collect material for a little account of each tribe similar to the one I wrote about the Ojibways - Dr. Rand of Nova Scotia is preparing one on the Micmacs - & Rev. D. McKay

a Cree Indian in Manitoba is sending me one on
the Crees. I have already prepared a paper on the Sioux
& shall put out another on the Blackfeet. I would
like to write a paper on the Zuni Indians from Mr Cushing's
articles in 'the Century' & Mr Smithsonian
Reports - but cannot find any Ms. at all the language. Do
you have any vocabulary or grammar in print or MS.

I had intended to make a trip to England this
summer to talk with Indian boys, & Captain Pratt
offered to lend me 2 Carlisle scholars, thereby avoiding
a bill for Buffalo Bill. He has now gone, & I cannot
foresee that I can come in the way of finding so that
I have to give it up for the present.

I shall deem it a great favor if you will
still let me have copies of your various publications
- Have I all at present mentioned? Introductory to study of
Indian language (2) Sign language (3) Mountain Customs
(4) Annual Report Bureau Eth. '80-81 (5) Ditto '81-82 (6) Ditto
'82-83 (7) Gram. outline of Siouan (8) Ditto Siouan.
also Holmes' Brit Col. report. If there are any other
publications on hand, of which I can have spare copies
or any duplicate vocabularies & grammars I shall be
most thankful for the same.

I wonder if I can't think it a wild idea - but it -
the diversity of forms is so miraculous - that the N. American Indian
was deposited by diverse agency & not born on the Continent - that
white Eastern nations, by intercommunication, have gradually advanced in
civilization - become assimilated & some degree in their ideas - that the Red
man was thus isolated so long - represents thus the primitive stages of Genesis -
that the pueblos & towns of Isabel are similar in construction!! &c &c &c -

Yours very truly Edward A. Wilson

March 4 8

Rev. J. H. McLean.

Dear Sir

I have just received your letter of the 20th inst. & have much pleasure in enclosing you another copy of my Lecture. I shall be very glad to receive your paper on the Cree Indians - & would ask you kindly to write it soon after the style of my paper on the Objebway Indians in February Number of O.F.C. I am trying to get papers on every existing Indian tribe & want to procure about the same style in each.

I am sending you a packet of the O.F.C. to see if you have not seen all the monthly numbers.

I would like very much to get a couple of Cree boys into our School here this summer. It would help me in picking up a little of the language clearing how to pronounce it. If you think there are any who would come please let me know. It is likely I shall be up in Manitoba this Spring. How could I get to your place?

Yr. very faithfully

J. O. Wilson

March 21 8

W. Geo Rutherford
Dear Sir

Enclose you Cheque - amount to $77.50 which I hope will meet your requirements - I can probably let you have more in April. Have you your print'd rolls of the Annual Report as 1500 would have been ample. a few 1000 if I do not go to England -

I sent you Copy O&C. Mar 9th & Mar. the second day Mar 16. It was of O&C. I was in a hurry then. Have you received any more Cuts from Toronto Lithographic Co. - If you are doing some more for me. I have not yet decided Not one to make of them.

Yours truly
W. O. Wilson

March 22 8

Lubyahfceaaun Neinpwiisa

Niipe pe odisegon kemuhgeambegun -
Please tell Mr Warner that his little girl Janie
Warner is still living, but I fear She will not be
with us long. Miss Pipe has taken the greatest
care of Her - & we have had the doctor nearly every day
to see her. I stayed up part of 2 nights with
her to let Miss Pipe get a rest. All She can take
now is milk & jelly & oranges. If it is God's
will to take her away we must submit to his will.
I am sorry to say that one of the Blackfeet boys is
also ill with coughing & spitting - but the doctor thinks he
will soon get well again.
I have already engaged a White man to do the garden
this summer. He is the husband of our new matron. The
new matron is named Mr Mc Nichol - She is a kind
motherly woman & all the boys like her very much. We
have also a very nice carpenter named Mckenzie - Who
looks after the boys at work. I have advised not to go to
England - so I hope you will come up in May - & bring the
new Children with you. I am getting out new agreements for
the parents to sign & will send some to Mr Brokaday - Neen
Gah ne kaa kaahe kahgeegun. C. H. Wilson

March 22 /

My dear Mr Lewis

I fear you will be anxious for
Christian after my last letter. She is not at
present much unpleasant. She keeps comfy - thinks
expectoration - & a little blood once a week.

Still - the doctor has himself examined & sounded
him - taken his temperature &c - & says there is no
sign of consumption - & that there is every hope that
he will soon recover. (He sometimes plays Checkers with App. & even with
upside down board & pictures)

We have a little girl sick in the adjoining room
with pulmonic consumption & I fear she cannot live more
than a day or two - we correspond with her parents Mr
Lewis & Ralph Bland by letter & telegraph - It is
rather an anxious time - but all these things are in
the Lord's hands -

Lamas busy in midst of examinations & can
hardly screw time to write. Our kind friend Mrs
Pigott is ill & sick. Miss Champion (our governess)
& myself take turns with her & relieve her

Yrs ever loved
C. V. Wilson

I hear it reported that Crawford is very ill.
If I send postcard I shall not mention names lest any ill disposed
find they [illegible] mischief -

March 26/68

Dear Mr Bliss -

I have received your letter that the new minister, Mr Lawrie, will leave Toronto on the 28th & come round Niagara by Kingston - Mr McNichol's boy - who was to do the chore work I fear will not be here by that time - but I will ask Henderson to lay in a good stock of wood - & perhaps Mr Bridge will let his youngest boy - attend to this for a few days - but I will see them

come out tomorrow

I propose raising your salary to $225 per annum from the 1st of January last - & to give you the free use of all the land on the Wawanosh side of the road & the right to keep poultry &c on your own account to 1st of October next - By that time you will see better or not it will pay you - without taking up too much of your time - Please let me know in your next letter how you approve the arrangement -

Yr obedt Servt D Wilson

March 27 8

D. McNicoll Esq.

Dear Sir

Since relinquishing my proposed trip to England - I am planning a trip out west as far as Calgarry - & owing to the illness of one of the Blackfoot boys Dan I brought from there last summer may have to start at any moment. The Missionary at Blackfoot crossing has just telegraphed me that I had better start at once - the boys lungs are affected & I fear Consumption sets in so would like to get him home as soon as possible. I have been 3 times on your line out west visiting different Indian Reserves & picking up pupils here & there for my Institution - & each time I have received reduced fare. As I understand the passenger traffic is under your control between this & Winnipeg - may I ask you kindly to allow me as low a rate as possible for myself & 2 Indian boys (17 & 18 years of age) from here to Winnipeg via Sudbury - & I will apply to Mr Kerr for the passage West of Winnipeg. ~~I would like a return ticket for myself to extend over 3 months & also for at Fauquier at Kamloops & Port Arthur - single tickets for the two boys~~ I have erased the last clause - as I shall [illegible] return by boat from Port Arthur as well as single ticket -

March 27 [illegible]

Robert Kerr Esq:
Dear Sir

On three former occasions you have kindly allowed me reduced fare for myself & Indian boys from Rainy Lake to Winnipeg.

One of the Blackfoot boys whom I brought down last summer is sick & I fear consumption will kill him - the Missionary at Blackfoot crossing telegraphs me that I had better if possible start at once & they both the boys home. Will you therefore favor me as before by allowing me reduced fare for myself & 2 Indian boys from ~~Sudbury~~ Winnipeg to Gleichen - single tickets for the boys. & return ticket, extending over 3 months & allowing for stop overs, for myself. We shall probably start via North & come via Sudbury. If you can give me tickets from here as far as Sudbury (single ones) please do so. I shall return via Port Arthur.

Yours faithfully
E. D. Wilson

March 28th 8

My dear Mr Hale

Many thanks for your kind note. You will be sorry I am sure to hear that the Blackfoot boy whom I had intended taking to England has been ill in bed for over a week with Bronchitis & we now fear that consumption is setting in. I wrote to Mr Lewis the Missionary at Fleischer 10 days ago - giving him full particulars of the boys condition & that time was short - hoping to telegraph me if he thought it desirable that the boy home at once. I received his telegram yesterday - "Bring boy at once if possible - would be wise thing both boys". This telegram I explained to Archbishop (the Roman Bishop) - & explained it to the sick one. They were both sensible about it - & of their own accord said it would be better to wait 'till the cause is gone'. So I penned a telegraphic reply from Archbishop that effect & let him put his name to it. I am going that the doctor to see Blackfoot again & give his opinion. I am mentioning all this to you - not only because I know I shall have your sympathy - but that you may know that there is now the prospect of my shortly making another trip to the Rockies - I want to know whether I could be employed to report on the Stories or Sarcees or any other tribe as I did last

Jean & to accept a little further help towards travelling expenses. Reid would be very acceptable.

As to the work here, certain conditions & the possibility of its being taken at any moment - I would like to leave as soon as possible. I think if I go I will not have any back - but to accomplish a little useful work with my pen. I will try this Mr Dewdney & the possibility may be able to make some progress with my statements on behalf of Bands.

I don't fancy 'to Mail' will put my article in - as it has not appeared yet - But I am hoping it is April No of O.H.C. - If possible I shd like to spend it a fundamental review in the first instance - on the distance I have to travel to correct our proofs -

Yrs very sincerely
J. F. McLean

Very many thanks for allowing me to retain the Dakota dictionary

Say to Roy - What do you think of the following idea - can it be carried out by the Brain Trust - viz - that (1) the idea of the Indian land entail by Parliament a despot over the Province is unlikely (2) that the disposition of them is the prerogative. (3) that the N.A. Indian does not depend by driving away or the Continent (4) that while Imperial & native interests communicate land federally changed & Provincial & home assimilated to some degree in this idea - to Ottawa land was settled as by representation by the Ministers wages of finance (5) that the Lower of Natal was vested by a treaty for the peaceful occupation of the Zulu inhabitants - (6) Take in connection with this the appearance of the eggs at Kingston - of Cairo mummies as shown in Mexican & Central American ruins. (7) in early use of Lingua Franca of N.A. Indian known as this was with the consent of Missionaries under Imperial rather than Provincial control.

March 31 8

My dear Lord

I have received your letter of the 26th with enclosures. I hope you succeed Peto in England as well as more money & more men to carry on the work of the Diocese. We have had sickness here - the little girl Jane Warner died yesterday - poor Leider & Jane Wilson are both ill - Mathilda the Blackfoot boy has been sick 3 weeks - Doctor examined him yesterday says Consumption setting in - I shall take him home if I can the boats begin. Trust you may have a prosperous voyage -

Yours sincerely -

Edward D. Wilson

March 31st 8

Revd Dr Randall

Dear Sir

I have received & have been perusing with great interest your papers on the Micmacs. I shall hope by & by when I have collected sufficient information about the Indian Tribes & publish it in extenso. You & yours will allow me to reduce it & the Capacity of "Our Forest Children" which as you know is only a little 4 page sheet published monthly. You do not say what you expect remuneration for the trouble you have taken. I will gladly forward to any Synod in Christian Knowledge if you wish it. My object is publishing "Our Forest Children" is two fold. (1) to write up the history & language of each Indian Tribe (2) to advance the Cause of Christian education & civilisation among the Indians. It is an unpretending little sheet but I fancy for the present it is best not to attempt to enlarge it. I am very glad to help it at my own personal risk. How would it be to have a couple of Micmac boys with our School here. I like to get a few from each tribe so as to pick up a little of the various languages. I am sending you our last annual Report. I will gladly send you a copy of my Epitome list: if you can have one

Yours very faithfully
E. F. Wilson

March 30, 1

Dr. Mrs Rutherford

Dear Sir

I do hope Rogers & Co. have sent you 7 more cuts of my Sketch-
I have not yet received your proof of them - Please send
me ½ a dozen proofs of every picture you have as I want
one or two to keep by me - & then to cut up with paper &
put out a neat illustrated account of our work - I have
also an idea of distributing a "Souvenir Number" of C.W.C.
like the Christmas one.

Will you please also write to Revd. Canon Brookridge - ask
him if he has any more of my cuts by him & send them to
me. I sent him a number about a year ago & I believe he
still has them - I want ½ a dozen proofs of all.

I am very well satisfied with Art. for C.W.C. - but am
sorry you have started the first sentence with a grammatical
error - instead of 'that people did the first' - it should be 'that
people did the first' - I left a copy of my MS.

Send me soon as the Chinese Thing is a account.

Many thanks for yr. subscription

Yours truly

J. C. Wilson

April 2d 8

My dear Mr. Ramsay

I am will I think I have heard a long long time what with [illegible] but you know how busy I am from morning to night - And just now - in addition to [illegible] work - I am working up the Indian languages of all the different Indian tribes on the Continent. I find it most interesting work but it of course takes up an immense amount of time -

I am will be sorry I am sure to hear that we have just had a death in the House - A dear little girl named Jane - about 10 years old - from Walbrook Island. She was sick in our hospital under Miss Pitts' care for nearly a month - & died at 4 pm on Good Friday. The good Lawrence took her to himself just at about the time of his own death - and we buried her in our little Cemetery on Saturday at 2.30 pm Being Easter I had a White coffin. We put on many and flowers as we could get around us.

I am sorry to also hear of one of my blackfoot boys - Stukitain - is dying of Consumption. He has been sick for weeks - & I want to get him home as soon as possible.

If we does not fail Engineers I shall wait till the boats run - this way of Port Arthur. But I may have to start soon. I would like very much to visit you on my way back if it all possible. but must not promise - I am so much on my hands.

Our new Institute at Elkhorn, Manitoba, is now completed & we have (Dr.) it from the common.

I am just going in for a swimming - & certain bird tells me I am (Please) going to work tomorrow - Perhaps some day we will go up to Portage & make up new friends in some place where there are thousand of Native Indians & no one to teach them. I am gradually picking up a great deal of information as to the Cree language - many Indian Names.

I am sorry Letter, which I have printed in A. M. N. does not interest you - Will send you a copy to Mr. Benson -

Yours sincerely -

J. H. Wilson

I hope you get the regulations in time & much as it will interest you. I am sorry I am not going to Shoal Lake. I am sorry I have no Indian language books left - I am going up to Touch for two Indian Chiefs. so I must try & get them & forward you the following

Rev. Wilson Morse	4.00
Rev. Bacon	4
W. R. Blackford	1
Mr. Pearson for himself	1
	10.00
2 Indian Chiefs	2.00
Cheque end.	8.00

April 2d 8

Gloucester Place Sq:
Dear Sir

I beg to state difficulty in obtaining accommodation for my Indian boy if I bring him with me to London & have given up the idea for the present - I had no occasion to draw on you for funds earlier than usual - I have to day drawn as now as follows

Usual Quarterly bill ——— £50-0-0.
Special for Mrs Saunders — 10.
Her pass 10.
£100-0-0.

Mr Martin told me there was some money in the "Reaping account" - If so, will you kindly pay it to the Bishop of Algoma. He will be in London shortly. It ought not to be mixed up with our Indian Home work.

Yours very truly
Edward A. Wilson

Captain of our Annual Report has been sent you.

April 2d 8

The Manager
Bank of Montreal
Toronto

Sir -

I enclose you bill of
exchange on Wm Pratt Esq for
One hundred & ten pounds Sterlg (£110)
at Rich Bloom Credit & request you
to - & advise me of the amt credited -

Yrs &c

D. F. Wilson

Ap[ril] 3 [illegible]

Pte Grants

My dear Lord -

I wrote by yesterday's Post relative to the claims in favor of the Algoma Mission Lands - asking whether you would continue to take the 275 as formerly at the advanced price - or take a less number of A.M.N. & some of "Our Lord's Share" stock which is only 10 cts - par.

I suggested your choice between the following -

(1) 275 c[apita] A.M.N. (reg[ular] price 25 cts) @ 25 $68.75 per ann.

(2) 200 " " @ 20 40.00
200 " O.F.C. @ 8 16 $56.00 "

(3) 150 " A.M.N. @ 25 37.50
100 " O.F.C. @ 8 8. $45.50 "

I think you were too busy last week to attend to the matter I have spoken twice since to D. Kemp - but have had no reply. In the mean time we have been sending you the 275 c[apita] of A.M.N. regularly.

There is $40.25 arrears for A.M.N. during 1887 due to us.

Will you kindly give direction to have the arrears paid & let us know if you wish any change made - Yours very faithfully

E.F. Wilson

April 2d 8

Niis Omuxistoan

Anistcis ĵiniténaw nôxikômnikipaka
nomôtsoan aninôtcis nittâkitakkan stotôyeiniki
ômuxistoan nôtaketâm mâtsi awpawtaki aka pistôtai
nitsitâkâiyokâpi stotôyeiniki matsikûtai tapmo
takitâitô nitsitôkâtwa. Salukitsiniuani nomôgtawa-
wani. Aninistcis nittâkitakkan oustuye
ôtsittan ispi nôkakaisik na. Anistcis mahâgsin
ôtsittsitanaiks kkôwai kagâsikip pakâisinna
akitâniststi anîpi nôtaki nan nâsita kâ ĵipinan
nistoa ni mâtai nîpa nôkakaisinna Salukitsiniuani
ôtôtokiisin Okinna ânnikaie nomôgtai nistai
magkas nitsitkittaa otâtokâwisin nôgskit-
to no to pikâ Omuxistoan anistcis nîisa
aiijokskan nitsitsin ispits nâpiôiesto neêpuie
matoie simmânists, kittakotkspâsin stotôyeiniki
ni takôtâm mâtsiseiikâkim ai tâpo tâkisin
Ômuxistoan ômuxa-pîsita, omuxistoan
ôtaxi pôgtapi siniaksin sôtûm mânistcis
kitsoko agkonakapi ágyan netsiikâtotaaie
stotôkâwsin. Amen.

Apikoka

Have written the prayer as dictated
by the Blackfoot boy Natoke

April 3d 7

Dear Capt Pratt -

Please thank Rev. Hawley my remarks for his kindness in offering to assist me if I went to England - but I am compelled for the present to give up the trip. One of the Blackfeet boys I brought from the Rockies has been ill 3 weeks - evidently Consumption setting in - & I must get him home speedily directly the boats begin running. His trip will take up to a 5 weeks as I must visit about a little among the Indians at West -

I think I told you before the year is out to pay you another visit & perhaps bring one or two of my boys to see your establishment - as I think it would do them good. The idea has struck me Pratt you might be willing to change 2 of your boys for - of mine for 6 months or a year - My mind is simply that I am deep in the study of the various Indian Languages or dialects - & by getting a boy of a different nationality for a time I could pick up a good deal from them - & I think also it would do our Institution good if a couple of our boys were visiting yours a time - Possibly your present scheme might not be done with change of climate - I merely throw out the idea - Wit my thanks for your letter which always is welcome -

Yrs very truly
Edward O. Wilson

Rec'd 5th

Mr Hales

My dear Sir

In reply to your letter received to-day I have to say that the following books have been published by us on Ojibway Indians.

1) Manual of the Ojibway Language with Hammond's dictionary & dialogues — price 7/6 but can send them post free.

2) Missionary work among the Ojibway Indians. 1/6

3) "Our Forest Children" — a 4 page monthly — on hand two — 70 cts. per annum

4) Indian prayer book — by SPCK — price 60 cts.

5) Indian Testament — by SPCK — price 60 cts

Yours truly

E. R. Young

E. R. Young Esq.

I am at present working at the Ojibway language and all the Indian Tribes both in Canada & the United States. The British Government will publish a Report of mine on the Aborigines before the summer.

Cleveland Sept 8

My dear Mr Hale

Your letter of the 3d inst. just received
My thanks for the plate of Mr Carr's skull certainly
adds to value.

I have made all the pictorial tribes & paid my forces
for obtaining statistics about the Indian tribes. Language
&c - & am now ready them to go for the inspection & approval
& correction before I proceed any further. I shall be
very much obliged if you can find time to look them
carefully through & see if you think they contain the principal
points that require investigation.

My plan as you will see is to take the largest tribes first
viz. those of linguistic stock in those of 10.000 and
upwards & in numbers. Then will follow those numbering between
5000 & 10.000 also & in number - & so down step by step
till I come to those of 100 & less in number.

It seems to me impossible to arrange the tribes in more
scientific form until after the statistics are gathered.
Each set of papers will be pinned together with a paper fastener,
& by underlining them & left to 8 papers last one can be other - the
whole history of one complete tribe so far as gathered language &c
is before you.

I hope you will kindly look at my pencil plan for pronunciation
- with a view to apply as far as possible to every (Indian language). Yours

my object may have been formed for one second
[illegible] but I find them to constantly interchangeable
by missionaries & others who wish Indians that it seem
to me best to leave it so. We same with [illegible] Most
Dakota books use [illegible] & Ojibway books the
In No. III (reflection) - my reason for putting 'my rabbit' in
parenthesis was, that would is (a) to put to associate possession
(b) before it itself [illegible] and & then it is evident the singular
& plural from it to possession which seem either have a big
(a) I imagine rabbit as full all rules to Contract.

The way in which I proposed to collect the information is
as follows:-

(a) To try & get addresses of some reliable persons who would kindly
assist us in procuring immediate information for me
relating to each separate tribe. Could you tell me
where I could get information about the Cherokees, Navajos,
Shoshones, Creeks & Seminoles.

(b) Having got the addresses - I propose to write personally explaining
my plans, object &c - & if I am afraid to understand it I will
then send the set of papers to be filled in. These papers
will contain particulars about general subjects, tribal beliefs
&c as asked about which will probably interest the writer
& give him an idea of what is wanted.

(c) I have thought of making a visit to Carlisle school to
examine & pick up what I can from the pupils. perhaps
also to Washington.

Possibly you may like to send these papers on to Dr Wilson
& get his opinion before returning them to me.

Yrs very sincerely
J. C. Wilson

I have named Cherokees about
200 Indian tribes live in the
Pacific slope will seem to include Esquimaux. You need to come but a little further.
These papers are intended to supersede my printed questions.

James C. Dills Esq.

Dear Sir

I have received your letter of 30th ult. I have sent you a copy of the Choctaw & C. & C. as requested. I had already sent you a copy last summer, it must have been lost in the mail. I do not know the present age. I will gladly furnish as many copies as you can make use of at any time.

If there is any one in your Dept. who can find time to answer the following I shall be exceedingly obliged.

1) Is the Stockbridge a tribe or only a band of the Iowas?
2) Are the Osages of whom our Osages speak the same as the Osages?
3) How many Sacs are there? Do Indian agents keep them distinct?
4) Who are the two "Old Iowa" Indians in Mexico?
5) Who are the "St Regis Indians" in New York State?
6) Could I have a list of the N. Am. Indian languages, so far as at present known, with the tribes belonging to each?
7) To what linguistic stocks do the Chickasaw, Navajoes, Cherokees, & Creek belong?
8) Could you kindly give me address of any person to whom I might write for information as to the language &c of the above tribes.

If I can ever be of use I would say so.

Yours very truly

Edward S. Wilson

April 9 8.

Mr. Wm Wallace

Dr. Sir Kindly fill the following order -

For Shoe & Boot Top { 2 sides Spanish Sole - 3 sides Cow hide
3 Skins Canada Calf. 2 Col. linings.
1 side Upper. 12 curved sewing awls.
2 dz Sock tacks. 2 packs toe tacks.
4 boxes lamp. 20 balls Harness wax.
2 boxes eyelets. 1 dz bristles. 4 packets
rim nails 8.8. 1 doz pr. Steel Shank.
1 quart ink. 1 Can shoe varnish.

Kit for a pupil No 2 Cleaving - (put up separate) } - 1 pr Clams - 1 punch. 1 hammer. 1 pincers.
1 eyelet set. 1 knife. 1 heel rim - 1 rasp.
1 Rit rim - 1 sej. stick. 1 heel plane. 1 welt knife
2 awl Lasts. 2 clog lasts. 2 doz peg awls.
1 dz sewing awls. 5 dz sock tacks. 1 last hook.
1 pr. nippers. 1 emery strap. 2 bags pegs 4/8 6/8.
2 pcs rim nails 5/8 7/8 2 pkts Zinc nails 3/8 5/8
1 lb lamp. 2 doz wax. 1 box eyelets. 1 qt ink.
1 dz bristles. 10 pr. Lasts 13. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.
1 side sole leather. 1 Cow hide. 1 Can. Calf.
1 Kip.

I enclose you cheque for £31 20 on acct

Yrs Truly

S. D. Wilson

Please send by first boat

April 8

My dear Mr. Lewis

Can all be arranged then again
about Stuckeitis. It is now a decided
case of consumption & it is I should think
impossible that he can recover. We however
hope that he will rally when the weather becomes warm
sufficiently to return home — He dresses every day
for a few hours waits in an easy chair propped
up with pillows — he has every thing done for him that
can be done. He lives on Cod Liver oil. light meats.
jelly — oranges &c. It is sad to see him so
low — but then this are in God's hands & our faith
must not waver. No doubt the Almighty has some
wise purpose in it all. The Japan boy I brought from
Nagasaki 10 years ago died 6 months after he entered
our home. He led the conversion of nearly all his
people. Apostolia is as bright & happy as ever
. His dummy face does one good. I believe he is
a real christian. With his help I have written out a prayer
which I read every day over Stuckeitis bed. If it
please God I hope this best boy may reach us in May. There
is no passenger traffic now on the railroad. It has been stopped —

Yours sincerely C. H. Wilson

Is this of his at a "Success Number" of
C.F.C.. Will you write me a note for it?

April 7th 1

To Mayor & Council of Boston

Gentlemen

Agreeable to the petition that I received in behalf of the Citizens of Roxbury I have surveyed the land over which it is proposed to lay out a new street from the Roxbury Road to the Boston & Worcester Rail Road and have prepared a plan of the same which I herewith present for your inspection. The land over which the street is proposed to be laid out is generally of a good quality and the surface is nearly level. The grade of the street will require the removal of an average depth of about two feet of earth from the surface. The street will be about 50 feet wide and will require the removal of about 1000 cubic yards of earth. The street will be about 1000 feet long. The street will be about 50 feet wide and will require the removal of about 1000 cubic yards of earth. The street will be about 1000 feet long.

I am Gentlemen
Your obedient servant
Edward D. Wilson

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April 7 8

Rev. Dear Rev. Dalton

Despite the fact that I have from your letter to Lady you write me about as a teacher is still disengaged & that you would be willing to undertake the new Institution at Elkhorn in Manitoba.

I hope you received the Christmas No of C.F.C. which I sent you & which contained a little account of the Mohawk. If not I will send you another.

I think I may say that a "Summer number" of Our Forest Children" to correspond with the Christmas number would take very much & I am sure we should all be glad to hear from yourself or one of your pupils. Could not one of the latter write a description of life at the Mohawk? It would interest many.

Yours sincerely

Edward A. Wilson

August 9th 8

D. McNicoll Esq
Dear Sir

I have acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 3d inst. grant me as I understand it you first class passage for myself & 2 Indian boys from here to Winnipeg.

My time I start depends entirely on Dr Otis' advice in regard to the sick boy. If possible I shall wait for the fifth boat & go via Port Arthur so as to avoid the Lop R.R. joining.

I presume you will grant me the same favor Rates I go by Sudbury & Port Arthur - and will notify you as soon as I know when I can start -

Yours truly
D. K. Wilson

April 9th 8[illegible]

Chief Peter Nelis

Dear Sir

David Minnimee tells me there are quite a number of boys at Parry Island & other places up the shore who want to come to Shingwauk Home. So I am sending you ½ a dozen forms of Application which please let the parents fill in and send one if they want their children to come.

Yours Sincerely

S. J. Wilson

S. J. Wilson

April 18th 88

D. Kemp Esq.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 9th inst. received
Covering Cheque for $41.75 in payment for 275
Copies A.M.N. Aug 1887. and ordg 150 Copies
Ann. & 100 Copies O.H.C. from this date.

I send you herewith a Statement of what you
will require from present date to April 1889 - as
I am in no hurry about payg - unless you like to
square to accounts present date

275 Copies Ann. 2 months to
April 1888 at 25cts as settled - $23.00
150 Copies Ann. 1 year to April 1889 37.50
100 " O.H.C. 1 year " " 8.00

Yours faithfully
S. E. Wiley

Copied Vol. 2 p.

Messrs Gillies & Co.

Dear Sirs

I have a sail boat 30 or 40 feet long which I want to put a screw engine in. Would like to have fitted with a screw engine. Main dimensions as follows. Length over all - 32½ feet. Beam - (greatest width) 7 ft 9 in. Depth — 2 feet. Draft of water when loaded 1 ft 6 in. Could you put a 1½ H.P. engine into a boat for £95. I don't think I could but am afraid that would be too much. Please send me an enquiry form for the design of the boat.

If an engine was put in could the boat carry sail or must the mast be removed.

I would like to get an idea of the expense of heating & lighting the inside by steam or electric light. Main building is 75 x 40 3 stories high & a wing 20 x 30. 2 stories high.

Yours faithfully

S. E. Wilson

Dear Mr. Anderson—

I am sent you by the mail a dozen forms of application for admission into Schools. Did you see an account of our people visiting Brantford. Little Brant has kept as well as possible all winter & is getting on first rate with his lessons.

I am very anxious to pick up a few particulars about the Mohawk language. Did you receive the Christmas Number of "Our Dumb Children" which I sent you - containing a list of questions addressed to missionaries & others. If not - please let me know & I will send you another. Could you get us a few subscribers to D.M.C. among yr people. It is only 10 cts a year. Can you kindly tell me - do you know any grammar of the Mohawk language. Could any of yr people lend me or sell me one? - I want also to know whether all yr people are Mohawks or if there are any other tribes with you. Could you give me a little history of the Bay of Quinte Indians for D.M.C.? I hope I may ask only too much for one friend

Yours &c Chief Brant fell a victim to intemperance.

E. L. Nelles

Dear Archie

Chris Peterkin's to D's Cacerfit boy has been sick wit Consumption I fell down somewhat earlier than I intended If there was good train Connection I would start at once Still it is useful work getting here but Ludbrooke & I am afraid to be wandering over Cain Heath at — as he is very bleak — I shall I expect start for the first week in — also be passing Aldham the first week in Mar. I shall perhaps remain 3 weeks at least — with Aldham for 4 or 5 days — as long as is needful on my way back — I wonder if Mr. Rowsell will be able to get to Hertingfordbury ready for occupation at that time If so I will try to get a lady to follow me up — to be there when I return — & will spend a little time there with Ingleton — In the mean time I am sending Mrs Rowsell a dozen grams P

Application for admission - Rich he might
send round the School Teachers a Indian
Agents on the Reserves & try & get the promise
of a few pupils. I feel sure the Lord.
Dept will help us as soon as we get started.
Indeed I have written to Mr. Lewis is away to Kingston & Toronto.
Application for mine -

D. J. Wilson

April 11th 8

Revd. N. P. Yates
Dear Sir

May thanks for your enclosed contributions - $3 55 from Franklin & $6 45 from Havelock - from Indian Home.
Your Amn. subscription 35 cts - is already paid to Sept '68
I therefore send you 2 Copies of O.F.C. instead your first subscription to O.F.C 1 Copy runs at this mark.
I am also send you 2 Christmas Numbers by this mail - I purpose bringing out a 'Summer Number' in the same style - with new Illustrations - same price.
Your Children will be sorry to hear that we have just lost a little Indian girl - 10 years old - named Jamie - by consumption - She died a good death - was buried in a white Coffin & flowers - on Easter Sunday -
I am sorry to say one of my 2 Blackfoot boys is also ill with consumption -

Yours sincerely -
D. L. Wilson

April 12 8

W. A. Ramsay Esq.
Dear Sir

One of the Blackfeet boys I got last summer from the Rock Mountains is ill with Consumption & I want to get him home as soon as possible. I wrote to W. McNicoll Esq. P.A. & he has kindly given me a special rate from Sudbury for myself & the two Indian boys. The difficulty is about getting to Sudbury now that the Traffic is stopped. Can you kindly help me in this. Possibly yourself or one of the Station Officials may happen to be running your Caboose from here to Sudbury one day short. If so, might I under the circumstances ask passage for myself & the 2 boys as a special favor. Any time would do for me to start provided I got a few hours notice.

Yours very truly
T. L. Wilson

April 13th 8

D. McNicoll Esq.

Dear Sir

The boy I spoke of has rallied a little & I would like to start soon if there is any way of getting from here to Sudbury. but I understand that passenger traffic has been totally stopped. I have written to night to Mr Ramsay of Algoma Mills asking if his caboose is likely to be made up this trip & if he could kindly accommodate me.

Your letter received to night names $16.50 (3 mos) return ticket for myself to Sudbury to Fleicher, & $26.50 each single tickets for the boy. Last season I paid $15 ret. ticket on the boat Sault to Port Arthur & $47.10 Port Arthur to Calgarry & return. Your figures for pay seem a little low but I am in your hands. I would be obliged if you would make my ticket to Calgarry instead of Fleicher as I shall probably have to go on there. I am ready to start any time (unless the boy gets worse) if I can make passage from here to Sudbury.

Yours truly

D. L. Wilson

Can you allow me anything for enclosed- the boy I bought it for fair treatment.

April 13th 8

Revd & Rand

My dear Sir

I have now been carefully through the papers you so kindly sent me about the Micmacs & am exceedingly interested in them. I hope to publish a "Summer Number of Our Forest Children" in June - & shall then introduce your paper - or as much of it as I can find room for.

If you have any small publication in the language wd you kindly let me have a copy & I will send you the price. If not I will give you too much - wd you kindly fill in the Micmac for some additional words & sentences on enclosed paper. I have got out a complete form now - consisting of eight pages - tabulated - & am trying to procure exactly similar information about 100 Indian languages. It will be a work of some years to accomplish.

Yours very faithfully

Edward F. Wilson

Could you kindly give me addresses of any other persons in Canada who would be interested in my scheme & render me assistance - in the N.W. or elsewhere.

Circular Letter to
U. S. Indian Agents
School Superintendents &c

April 13th 8

Elmer A. Howard Esq.
U. S. Indian Agent
Dear Sir

I am collecting material for a comparative history of the various Indian Tribes both in the United States & in Canada to embrace both their customs mode of living &c & also their language. Could you kindly refer me to any one who could give me information about the language spoken by the Pima Indians or is there any small grammar or text book printed in their language? I will esteem it a great favor if you will kindly assist me in the matter. I prepare all the questions myself in tabular form & will send them to any one who is both capable & willing to fill in the answers.

I am sending you with this a copy of the Christmas Number of "Our Forest Children" I should like to exchange any other publication published in your agency, I would be glad to exchange

Yours faithfully
Edward E. Dickson

April 16 6.

Rev. W. W. Shepherd

Dear Sir

Arthur Mikokomon of Walpole aged 16 has applied to me for admission here. You wrote to me some time ago about one boy. I forget if this is he or cannot just lay hand on your letter. Will you kindly let me know a little. If any objection to my taking him.

I am intending to bring out a "summer number" of O.F.C. similar to the Christmas Number. Would some one write me a "little chatty account" about the Mt Elgin Institution. A letter written by a visitor would do nicely. Perhaps you may know of such of the kind in print. Or if this fails. Would one of your elder pupils write me a good long letter describing their life at the Institution.

Yours faithfully

J. Wilson

I'd like to put it if possible out by the 6th of May.

Mrs Adams

April 17 8

Dear Madam

Your kind letter - enclosing $25 towards support of Caroline Anthony received.

I am vexed about the mistake in the Annual Report - I had not noticed it until you called my attention to it - You will see that Caroline Frankey No. 31 & Caroline No. 74 are both credited to Mrs Burkis Halifax - Not is where the mistake is. It should be 31 & not 74.

I am very sorry also that the Christmas No. O.H.C. failed to reach you - I am afraid a good many have been lost in the mail. Special low rate is allowed & and from Office of publication & stamps not used - I think post office authorities must have misunderstood about this being from Office of publication & so destroyed a good many. Now however we print this on the outside & have heard no more complaints - I am sending you duplicates by this mail. Page No 6 of Christmas No will show you my position in regard to 'denominational'. I hope in June to bring out a 'Summer number' similar to the Christmas & same price. & shall be glad of orders.

Yrs very truly [illegible]

O.H.C. Roll is sent to Miss Low.

"Our Forest Children"

Those who saw the Christmas Number of "Our Forest Children" with its attractive cover, its lovely ornamented and well illustrated pages and its many interesting articles giving all phases of the Indian question besides many an amusing anecdote – will see are sure be glad to hear that the Rev. Mr. Wilson has in preparation "a Summer Number" of the same publication, which is to appear in June & will be sold for the same price 15 cents. We are told that it will contain an account of the Dakota Indians, their history, customs & language, – a similar account of the Micmac Indians in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, brief accounts of a number of different tribes, stories of massacres of Indians by the Americans, extracts from Indian pupils' letters, examination papers &c. Those who wish to help Mr. Wilson's work should order a number of Copies – distribute them among their friends. 25 Copies – $2.00; 50 Copies for $3.50 100 copies for $6.00.

address – Rev. E. F. Wilson, Shingwauk Home, Sault Ste Marie.

April 19 8

Mrs M. St. Jault.

Dear Madam

Thank you very much for your kind gift of $15 towards my work among the Indian Children.

As you may not yet have seen it I am sending you by this mail a Copy of the Christmas Number of "Our Forest Children", also a few of the Magazine & our last annual Report.

I am very glad to do for the Indians of Canada what Dr Barnardo is doing for the waifs & strays of English cities - viz to take the children away from their old wretched Indian life, clothe them, clean & teach them & fit them for Civilized life among White people. One of our Indians has been servant in a doctor's family in St Jault since November, and she has recently gone to service with Mrs McMonnie, St James' Church, Kingston. I do hope people will soon begin to take up this matter seriously. At present our Homes are little more than ½ full for want of support - & yet I want to enlarge & increase our work tenfold. With many thanks

Yours very faithfully

S. D. [illegible]

April 15 8

Dr. Wm Brown

Dear Sir

I enclose you draft for $47 6 cents Insurance of Hospital & Store. Please send me the usual receipt.

I hear it reported that the house near us formerly occupied by Mr. W. Statton has got into bad hands. The 2 ladies at our cottage have been frightened out of their lives by drunken men passing in the middle of the night shouting & swearing. & the place is said to be brilliantly lighted up very late hours. Can anything be done about this? Would you speak to Messrs. Kehoe & Hamilton - & see if any steps can be taken to stop the nuisance.

Yours very truly

D. L. Wilson

April 18 8

Wm. William Rees
Dear Sir

I have received your letter of the 12th instant & thank you very much for taking interest in our work. I shall be exceedingly glad of your help. for I am wanting to extend out & do 10 times the work we are doing at present. & am only hindered from lack of funds. What Dr. Barnardo is doing for the waifs & strays of English cities. I am trying to do for the Indian children of Canada & the North West. I am sending you a packet of "our Forest children" - Indian Homes Reports &c. The cost of a child for one year at either of our Homes is $75

Yours sincerely
Edward F. Wilson

April 19th 8

Dear Mrs McNichol.

I think it best have a clear understand: about the rest of your family. We are coming up - & let just it in writ -

You will receive as agreed $12 a month and your husband $12 a month - that is $24 a month between you & you will sleep in your present bedroom & have the use of the sitting room, which is used also for visitors to the Institution.
Your eldest daughter will be our cook, keep entirely to my part of the house, & receive $6 a month.
Your second daughter will help you in your work instead of a kitchen boy & keep entirely to your part of the house (except possibly But the girl will sleep with Jane in her bedroom.
The two little boys aged 10 & 5 will sleep together in a bed in the Work Dormitory, are to have meals with the Indian boys, attend school, & be treated just the same as the Other boys. They will not be allowed in any part of the house.
You will pay me a dollar a week for board & lodging of the eldest boy as long as he remains here.
The youngest boy I will keep for nothing as long as your youngest daughter is at receiving wages.
I consent to the other members of your family coming here on the above conditions

Yours truly S. D. Wilson

April 21st 8

Rev. E. Ahkandekeda

My dear friend

I received your letter yesterday, & am glad that you still remember me, although it is not a very time since I came & visit you - I am so very busy all the time & have so many long journeys & take that every summer has been all taken up & you have too much snow for me to come in the winter time. I would like to come and see you this summer if it is possible but I am afraid I cannot promise. I have just built a new school for Indian Children at Oakburn in Manitoba - & I hope to open it this summer. If you have any boys & come to Shingwauk Home this summer let me know & will try & arrange & get them down when I come back from the West. I am very glad to hear that you have houses & are doing some farming, the Indian Agent at Port Arthur reports well of your progress. I am glad too that many of you are leading Christian lives & that the services are well attended. I hope that your church may soon be built strong & good & dry as it ought to be.

Yours sincerely -

E. F. Wilson

I enclose a draft for $5 towards repairing the church.

April 21st 8

Hon Hon. D. F. Powell
Dear Sir

I have received your answers to my queries of April 7th - & desire to thank you for so kindly attending to them answering them so fully & satisfactorily.

I am intending to bring out a "Common Number" of my little paper "Our Forest Children" - similar to the one I issued last Christmas. & shall have pleasure in sending you a copy if you will kindly accept it. It will contain some notes on the history & language of the Dakota Indians & the Micmac Indians - the latter furnished by Dr Rand of Nova Scotia.

I remain dear Sir
Yours respectfully
D. L. Wilson

April 21st 8

My dear Dr. Hale

I have received yr. letter of the 16th inst. also the Circulars of enquiry, & the Report of the Brit. Assoc. & the ruled forms returned. I have received also 12 copies of the B.A. Report direct from the Association.

As I have a good many of my forms ruled I think I will still have them filled in as far as I find practicable. I do not mind the labor if any good may be thereby attained. It seems there important that the same facts about each tribe as far as possible for purposes of comparison: at the same time allow due latitude to the correspondent to add any thing else that may be of interest. I think it is a pity our Indian Dept. does not instruct its Agents to go more into detail in the information given. I get a vast amount of information in the Washington Reports which I fail to find in letters from Ottawa. My idea at present is to send a copy of the Circular of enquiry & my 8 papers together to any person capable & willing to give the information about a particular tribe. I think in that way we may get the Special points, as well as the general information.

I would like more Circulars of enquiry if you have them to spare, but no doubt can get them from Mr. Bloxam if you

[illegible] is too limited.

I have as yet had time as yet to glance through the Report. I note your explanation of the wonderful myth of Nick I attend from Bp Plumb: — also your further reference to Kootenai & their word for 'sun'. Have you noticed that the Micmac word for sun is Kagisit, not very much like Natisi, but more like than the Ojibway 'Kisis'. I suppose the Micmacs never had the Sundance.

I note your instruction to visit Crapaud on the Micmac Indians. I hope I shall be able to get my tongue round their words. Their language is exceedingly difficult to pronounce.

My time of departure must depend on the boy Chisholm. I almost fear now he will not live to travel. I should you advise my taking back the body if he dies or to bury him here?

I have written to day to Dr Harry Bowes offering him hospitality if he could make it convenient to stay here a day or two in passing. I hardly suppose he can do so, but we like very much to have a few hours quiet talk with him if it were possible.

I have decided to bring out a 'Summer number' of O.P.C. — It will contain an account of the history & language of the Dakota Indians by myself, & also of the Micmac Indians by Dr Rand — besides other matter interesting to general readers.

Yours very sincerely

D. Wilson

April 21 8

Dr Franz Boas
Dear Sir

I hear from Mr. Hale that you are likely to be travelling West down our line this Spring, to visit the British Columbia Indians - & report to the British Assoc=.

If you can make it convenient to stop over a day or two at Sault Ste Marie, myself & wife will be most happy to offer you hospitality - such as we have, & I should esteem it a great pleasure to talk over with you a little about the Canadian Indians & the prospects of extending our researches into the history & language of the various tribes.

I am expecting myself about the middle of May to visit the Sarcee Indians & report to the British Assoc.

I remain dear Sir
Yours respectfully
Edward S. Wilson

April 21 8

Revd R. McKaskell

Dear Sir

I am sending you by the mail a copy of the last Report of the British Association with my account of the Blackfeet Indians which I collected last summer with Rev. W. Lees. I send you also the last Report of our Indian Homes.

I had hoped to have paid you a visit last year to see your Saucee Indians but had not sufficient time - I hope however to spend the Summer to see you - if you can make it convenient would like to stay a week or ten days among your people & collect all the information I can as to their history, mode of life, language &c.

Will you kindly let me hear from you as soon as possible. Better it will be convenient to you for me to visit your Mission & better I could get accomodation with yourself or at some convenient place either on or close to the Reserve. If desirable I could bring a tent with me. If necessary to engage I suppose I had better bring a boy.

Kindly tell me how to get to you from Calgarry.

Yours truly
T. L. Wilson

April 21st

Revd John Macdougall

Dear Sir

I am sending you by this mail a copy of the Brit. Assocn Report with an account of the Blackfeet. You will learn once for all that not one of the Blackfeet boys is ill with consumption not is doubtful whether they will yet turn home alive - but their keys are in the Lords hands & we must have faith & leave it with him. Whether the boy is able to travel or not - I shall hope to come West again myself this spring. & bring the Stoney boy home. & I hope to visit the Pascoe Indians & gain some particulars about them - as I did last year with the Blackfeet.

Would you be willing to fill in for me a list of questions about the Stoney Indians. I will send them & you if you think you can find time & desire. I have a list of 100 Indian tribes about which I am collecting information.

I have decided to publish a "Summer number" of C.M.C. - to come out about the 1st of June. Can you kindly send me a brief note of your Instructions - so as to reach me by 6th of May. I hope you like the Christmas number

Yrs sincerely

D. Wilson

April 21st 8

My dear Mr Lewis.

I have been expecting them from you for some time in reply to my telegram & letters. Up to 2 or 3 days ago I was in hopes that Tatatitsin was making a little progress, but it last 2 days he has taken a decided turn for the worse & I fear it is doubtful if we shall be able to get him home. The Doctor has been very kind & I expect it will be the 15th of May before we have a boat. It is impossible now to go by train as all passenger traffic between here & Lindsay is shut down until June 1st. I dont know that you may have told Tatatitsin's parents - but would advise big Chief open about it. All that they are in God's hands & all we can do is to do our duty - leave results with him. If any trouble but it may work for a time yet in the end big a blessing. The date of my coming west must of course depend on Tatatitsin - Write to Lewis & me I shall probably come. I want if possible to visit the Sarcee Indians. With kind remembrance to all yr dear

Yr sincere friend
S. H. Wilson

I have sent you a Brit. Assoc Report with my account of the Blackfeet - also a C.C.C.S. Magazine with pictures.

April 21st 8

A. Vankampen Esq.
Dear Sir

I hope you will excuse my troubling you with a private letter in the hope of speedily forwarding a little business matter - I understood from a former letter of yours that there was fair prospect that the Dept. would assist my Oklahoma School

Owing to the sickness of one of my 2 Blackfeet boys - I want to start West & take them both home as soon as possible after navigation opens.
I cant well afford to make 2 trips west this summer.
Consequently I would like to open the Oklahoma Institution on my way back from the Rockies about the 5th of June.
The building will be ready & furnished by that time - & I have a lady superintendent in prospect - a Miss Osborne who has been teaching under Mr. Ashton at the Mohawk & is highly recommended by him
I think of taking up 2 small boys from the Shinnecock & 2 girls from the Wyandot as a nucleus to begin with. Do you recommend this - & I could I get any assistance towards travelling expenses? also what may I depend on towards
yours very truly C. H. Wilson
Supt

"Human remains" of O.T.C.

April 21 [illegible]

Mr. William Lonklater

Dear Sir

You may perhaps have heard that I have built a school for Indian Children at Elkhorn in Manitoba & I hope to open it this summer — Your nephew Thomas Cromarty says that he would like to go to that school, also another small boy named Alick Beeswax. I expect to be at Brandon about the middle of May and I think I will bring up those two boys — for them to stay about 3 weeks & see their friends & then follow me on the train to Elkhorn. Thomas Cromarty thinks there are some more Indian Children at Lac Leul who would like to go to the Elkhorn school. If that is the case it must be ready before the same time. I could take one more boy about 11 years old, he must not be older than that, & 2 girls about 13 or 14 years old. Please let me hear at once Whether John Cromarty is willing for his son to go to Elkhorn & if there is one boy & two girls who will go — & their names & ages.

Yours truly

J. J. Wilson

Aberdeen 20th [illegible]

John McLoughlin Esqr.
Dear Sir

You may have heard that I have built a small Institution for about 60 Indian pupils at Elkhorn Manitoba - I wish to open it early in June. & invite if convenient your pupils from here to make a beginning. I expect to leave here about 15th of May - & shall I think be accompanied with me Thomas Cromarty & perhaps Donald Mackenzie Alick Besserer. My idea is to put these 2 boys off at Waskada Creek - so that Cromarty can go & see his friends for about 3 weeks taking Alick with him as a friend - return to end of that time for the boys & follow me by train to Elkhorn. I hear to go on & fetch them with the Blackfoot boys returning to Elkhorn back again about that time. I would also like to take one more boy (he must not be over 11) & 2 girls 13 & 14 years of age from Lac Seul. & for them all to come together to Elkhorn. This would make a beginning & we would gradually gather in more children from the neighbouring reserves. Can you kindly assist me in the matter. I understand that both W. & Mr Crowin are away from the mission so I cannot write to them. I would like much to see you at Fort William on the way if possible -

Yours sincerely
D. L. Wilson

Extract from a private letter.

"We hoped he might rally when the warm weather came, but the Spring is late & the snow still deep. He used to get up in the middle of the day, & at first go down stairs, but latterly he would sit for a time in the window, & when the warmth left he felt inclined to lie down again. His window looked out on the river, & he would watch the boys playing on the ice. Mr. Wilson baptized both the boys yesterday (April 22d). Appikokia in Church, giving him the name of "James Edward", Stukitain, was "David" in his bed. I think God must have meant to take him as soon as he became a Christian. The last three nights he had been very restless and feverish, coughing very much, & suffering much in his right lung. I sat up with him, David Mainonnie sleeping in the room. When the pain came he liked me to rub and knead his chest, it soothed him. Last night David M. and Appikokia were to sit up, while I went to bed in the inner room. For some time David was singing hymns to him, in which he would join a little. At half past twelve I heard him calling, & went to him. at the first moment he did not know me, but then I called him 'my dear boy' he looked in my face & smiled lightly. I rubbed him till the pain ceased, & bathed his hands and face, and he amused himself with the sponge as he was fond of doing, squeezing it and laughing at the water running through his fingers. When he was quite comfortable I lay down again and heard David sing. He had had beef tea several times, and

Peter seemed no worse symptoms than usual. About two David called me; Blood was coming from his mouth. We ran for Mr. Wilson, but before he could get here to dear boy had passed away. David said he began to cough, & he gave him his little cup, but the blood began to run; it was impossible to stop it; it ran from his mouth and nostrils, and it was over in a few moments. Appikoia was standing by him when he died, and when Mr. Wilson came he knelt & offered the Commendatory prayer. He will be buried in our little Cemetery on Wednesday. It is a sad blow to Mr. Wilson & we all feel it very much, for I think he was a favorite with all the boys. During his illness he left off being shy and became familiar with me and I learned how loveable he was. He was very fond of the pictures in my bible and prayer book. His poor father & mother will be sorely grieved for him to die so far from home."

Extract from a private letter.

"It has been an eventful day (April 22), for two Blackfeet boys have both been baptized, Appikokia in the Shipwash Chapel, wh the service for adults, & poor Etukitsiak in his bed in the hospital wh the Infant service. Mr. Wilson, Mrs Mrs Wilson, & David were Sponsors for A. and he was called "James Edward". He was very quiet and composed and seemed quite to understand. Mr. Wilson after reading each question as it stands in the Prayer book gave him the substance of it in a few simple words, and then he answered "Yes" for himself. Etukitsiak's Sponsors were Miss Pipot, Mr. Lea Wilson, & Johnny. His Christian name is "David". He lay very quiet, & his eyes were very large & bright. Fortunately he had no cough in it, and I fancied that as Mr. Wilson stood wh his hand on his head, the look of pain gave place to one of peace and rest. Afterwards he tried to join in the Lord's Prayer, and then we all left. Had it not been for Etukitsiak's illness Mr. Wilson would have preferred waiting till the ship came again & being baptized by Mr. Sims, but as it appeared unlikely that E. would ever be able to travel it seemed best not to put it off, and it was done quite by their own wish. I don't think myself that the poor boy will see another Sunday, he has failed very much in the last three days."

April 24th 8

Dear Johnson -

I have just got your letter with $2.25 for your tickets - I hope the others who are coming will send money at once for their tickets - The party you want to collect & bring up are as follows:

Walpole - (1) Thos. Johnson (2) Son of John Isaac (3) Arthur Miskokomon (4) Charlie Jacobs Son of Angus Jacobs (5) Nancy Henry (6) Daughter of John Isaac.

Sarnia - (1) Llewelyn Kijoolk (2) Hannah Grey (3) Julia Kabayah (4) Daughter of Wilson Jacobs.

Moravian Town (1) Lizzie Jacobs (2) Isaiah Jacobs.

I send you tickets for yourself & Nancy Henry - but all the rest must pay their own passage or else send me money for tickets. Please send a postcard to Elijah Jacobs, Moravian Town, Ont. & tell him which day you start & he will bring the children to you in Sarnia - You had better also ask Rev. J. Jacobs to have the Sarnia children ready & meet you. Affectionate remembrance to Mrs. Johnson & the Walpole Island friends -

Yours truly & faithfully

E. F. Wilson

I wrote to Elijah Jacobs & told him you were coming.

Mr. McKellar told me that Mrs. W. Pierce wanted very much to have her boys - so can you tell if she will pay

April 24: 8

My dear Mr. Rowswell -

You will be sorry I am sure to hear that one of our Blackfoot boys is dead. I baptized him last Sunday & Etukitoin died yesterday - Consumption & leanness. I expect to start West with the Boy & first part about middle of May. I shall be glad if you can get the Waskaiowin road for opening by 1st of June. I am in correspondence with a lad to take charge - a Mr. Osborne - now in Winnipeg - formerly teacher at the Mohawk Inst. near Brantford - & highly recommended. I propose to bring 2 boys & 1 girl from here - & the 2 boys & below & Lac Seul. I will not get off at Waubigoon on the way up & go 3 weeks to visit at Lac Seul - then follow me to Elkhorn - the girl - aged 13 - I propose to bring with me to Elkhorn if Mr. R. does not mind taking her as a little servant for her board during the 2 weeks or so that I am away out West. When I get back from the Rockies - say 1st week in June - I propose that Mrs. Robinson - if she accepts the situation - shall meet me at Elkhorn - & the 2 boys with passing 3 more new children from Lac Seul arrived also - & then start to Broadview. Then I might send another party for round about up more children. I also bring Wasi home - as I promised his Mother to bring him

Spring. Miss Pigot will also be wit me & so wit me to the Rockies. She nursed Christian all through his illness & will like him write to tell her all about him. I suppose I had better step over 1 day on the way up to have a talk wit you. Miss Pigot & Appolonia will be wit me. but I daresay they will be put up at Lodge.

I am in my room, Queen of Hon. Thomas White's dept. Still I think we shall get help all right. as Vankoughnet told me I might depend on it. I am also assisting to matter in various ways. & ask Lindsay Colonel to undertake support of people.

Yours sincerely

D. L. Wilson

April 20 1848

F. D. Waldo Esq
Dear Sir

Your note was Rec'd Jany about starting a woolen factory in connection with Shipyard Stone - I wrote to you in reply to your letter but have not heard again from you.

I think it would be an excellent thing to have such a factory started here - & I do think it would be a good stroke to start it before any other parties do so. The property next to us is for sale - & is close to our dock & there is a good stream of water running through it. I think we could supply to labor on a good part of it - but we have no capital.

I have just rented our dock & our factory to a builder who has come out to reside on land.

I will be glad to hear from you whether you propose to do anything further.

Yours truly

T. O. Wilson

April 2nd 8

Mr. August Wilson

Dear friend.

I wish to ask Nellie if you will permit your 2 children Alick & Marion to go with me & the new Institution at Elkhorn which I am going to open this Spring. If they keep well I would wish them to stay there 2 years, but if they get sick they might come home sooner. Elkhorn is right on the C.P.R. line - & the Institution quite near the track. The reason I ask you & her your 2 children go is that I think they will be companions & each other & they will be a help to the Lady who has charge of the school as most of the pupils will likely be old & will know but little English. There is also another boy going from here named Cromarty - he is a good friend of your boy Alick. I have got a very nice lady named Miss Osborne to take charge of the school, she has helped in an Indian Institution before & knows all about it. Lots of the boys here want to go to Elkhorn but their parents will not let them go. Let me hear as soon as possible if you are willing as I want to start by the first boat. Give my love to Ned & Lena

Yours sincerely -

E. Wilson

My own son is living at Elkhorn. It is a very nice place - out on the prairies.

J. McNeill Esq

April 18 8

Dear S.

Yours of 16th Inst. (No 159) received. The Blackfoot boy has died - so I shall wait now for first boat - & the tickets required will I believe be as follow -

Myself - Calgary return (via Edmonton)
Miss Pigott (my hospital nurse) - Fleischen " -
Indian boy - aged 18 - to Fleischen single -
" - aged 18 - to Elkhorn " -
" girl - aged 12 - " " -
" boy aged 13 - to Manitou Tm -
" " aged 9 - " " -

Kindly let me know in detail the separate Charges for each of the above - & advise me Better I am to purchase the tickets from you - or Here.

I am to start a new Institution at Elkhorn & may pick up Some pupils on the line. I presume Mr Keyes will allow me fares for any Such children & Sanction. I would prefer not purchasing tickets until just before start as time is required from Montreal.

Yrs faithfully

J. A. Wilson

April 28 /

Dear Dr. Chase

I understand that the following children belong to the Sarnia band wish to come up this Spring - Will you please notify their parents. that Thomas Johnson, one of our pupils, aged 18, at Walpole Island is coming up this by first boat with a part of Walpole Children, & I would like the Sarnia children to come at the same time. The parents must pay their fare on the boat $2.25 each. Thomas Johnson address is Wallaceburg - You had better let him know when the children are ready -

Their names are - Hannah Gray - Julia Kabayah - a daughter of Wilson Jacobs - and Adam Kiyoshki boy. Llewelyn. 3 girls & 3 boys. If there are any more wanting to come please let me know. I am sending you ½ a dozen forms of application which should be filled in & sent to me.

Yours sincerely

S. F. Wilson

April 26 1

W. Rust, Constable.

Dear Sir.

Mr. Alan Sullivan has forwarded a letter to me about a Missisquoi boat that was sold at Kellam's for $100. I hardly think it could have been mine. The one I lost belonged formerly to the Rev. Mr. Clarke at Sorel. Mine was 18 years old or more. In Spring of 1883 I got a new boat built. It arrived June 24th 1883 & I put it in my boat house & fastened the old "Missisquoi" outside. On July 17 1883 there was a wild storm & the old boat broke away & got driven up on the stones near Straiton & got a hole stove in the bottom. On July 21st I went off on a trip in the new boat leaving the old boat untouched. While I was away the old boat was I believe taken off by some one - I never heard any more about it.

Yours truly

S. Y. Wilson

I think my old boat was 25 ft long & had two masts & a small coamd deck forward. Two men called & offered me $100 for my new boat July 3rd, I don't know their names.

Mr Foulds

April 27 8

Dear Madam

I am sure it is my home & kind to you & face your difficulties & stay still to assist us in our work — You may thank for the $12.50 on Philemon's account.

How would it suit you to assist towards the general fund of the Washakada Home at Elkhorn, Man. for the present — without stipulating any particular amount? I could think of Philemon being taken by another school if you would do this. I am going to the N.W. Sept & hope to join the Washakada on my way back — I have heard of a well qualified Christian lady to take charge. We still take 2 or 3 pupils from here to make a beginning & gradually gather in those of the wild tribes who live around.

Yours sincerely

S. J. Wilson

April 28th 8

Judge I. D. Walker
Dear Sir

Mr. Elmer D. Howard of Ann Arbor wrote asking for particulars about the Ponca Indians & has referred me to you. — I should esteem it a great favor if you could kindly furnish me the required information. I am collecting information for a comparative history of the various Indian Tribes both in the United States & in Canada & embrace both their customs, mode of living & also their language. — I have prepared a tabular form consisting of 8 pages which I would like to get filled in by any person capable & willing to do it. If you will permit me I will send the pages to you. I have filled them in as far as I could myself — & would be much obliged if you will correct any errors & fill in the blanks.

I am sending you a copy of the last Christian Advocate & Journal & 'Our Forest Children' by this mail.

Yours faithfully
D. Wilson

I have visited Brantford & am acquainted with Major Powell & Mr. Pilling.

April 28th 8

Rev'd T. J. Peck -

Dear Sir -

I notice in Dr. Pell's Catalogue of the Dakota languages that you have translated portions of the bible into that language -

I am engaged at present getting out a comparative history of the various Indian tribes of North America - & have prepared & sheets in tabular form - which I desire to get filled in & then accompanied with the history & languages of the different tribes. Will you allow me to send these forms to you - & I shall esteem it a great favor if you can kindly find time & fill them in for me.

I am sending you by the mail a copy of the Christmas Number of "Our Forest children".

Yrs sincerely -

Edward F. Wilson

I would like very much to take one or two Dakota boys in our Home here if it were possible to get them down. I have some blackfeet from the Rockies.

April 30th 8

W. H. Kellam
Esq

Enclosed you my cheque for $47.88 to settle a/c for goods received to date. This ought have been paid sooner but we have been pressed for funds this write.

I shall be obliged by your addressing goods & envelopes viz my full name instead of viz the vague address 'Shingwauk Home'

Yours truly
S. D. Wilson

Rev. S. D. Wilson
Shingwauk

My dear Dr Bellows

Enclose you Draft for $57.50
from David Dealtry's acct. I had
already sent him $1 to help pay his expenses
home for Easter — do not be surprised not to have
required so much as $10.

I hear from David that the Civil Service Exam.
is postponed — Do you know what date? I
hope it will not be long before he has to go.

Yours faithfully

Frederick Law Olmsted

May 3? 8

My dear Mr Cook —

Will you kindly at once send me back the old Nos of Alg. Miss. News, old records &c. which I sent you by your request last Fall — I am requiring them for immediate use — & have no duplicates.

The Bishop advised me that you wd be leaving Manitowoc in June 1st Please send me date of your incumbency at once — as I am leaving Rolls for the Ho. Dept & must have out &c. Come decently before leaving —

Yrs devoted
C. L. Wilson

May 3 [illegible] 8

Dr Irvin

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 25th ult. just received. The 5 names that you kindly sent as subscribers to O&C. are on our address book at least I see Miss Rhoda Mann & Hon Kesten. You do not mention to them as I cannot tell but doubtless they are there. Copies of the addresses were sent at the time & are published (300 miles away) - & I am writing to him to day to enquire how it is that the parties have failed to receive their Copies & told him to send duplicates to the two mentioned above. If you fail to receive Copies they should advise us at once & post card & we will send duplicates & make enquiries.

I am very glad to hear you have been successful in getting appropriations - I only wish our Government was waked up a little & do likewise - Our Minister of the Interior, Mr. White, who was head also of the Indian Department, has just died. I am afraid this will throw us back a little.

I am very sorry I had to give up my intended trip to England.

Yours very truly

H. Wilson

I have yr. letter of Nov. 21st. - but the Address list which you depute must have been [illegible] (then destroyed).

May 3rd 8

W. Mrs. Rutherford

Dear Sir -

1) Have sent you by this mail copy for 'Summer Number' of O.H.C. - Get it up just like the Christmas Number - only print it as economically as you can - & print me 700 copies. There will be no June No. O.H.C. This is to take the place of it. I shall only send very few out gratis. but shall wait for subscriptions. Shall send you an address list about first week in June.

Two items 'The McKenzie Institute' and the 'Mount Elgin Institute' have not yet reached me. They were promised me by May 7th, if you do not get them by May 12th do not wait any longer. You have plenty of copy without them. Do not exceed 20 pages. Put advertisements in before or back of cover.

2) I am afraid a good deal of damage has been done by so many subscribers having failed to get their Christmas No. - nearly every week I have fresh complaints - Several class still fail to receive their O.H.C. monthlies. You must be more careful always to use the printed W. Offices - & I think I had better make enquiries at head quarters Why so many of our papers have gone astray. Please see if you

leave the following on your address list O.H.C.
Mrs A. Bennett, Sault Ste Marie, Ont.
Frank Bennett Esq. 8 Anstet, Cornwall, England
Miss Rhoda Marsh 1st Steps Hut Jamestown, N.Y. U.S.
Rev. Kester, Pawnee Agency, Indian Territory, U.S.
Send the despatch
None of the above have received any papers this year.
It is most important that you should always immediately acknowledge by post card receipt of copy of address lists. Then I can check that I have sent & know that you have it. So long often as this it is impossible to trace what any list is missing.

3) As soon as boats run - please send me all Christian Numbers & back copies of O.H.C. that you have on hand also all annual Reports on hand.

4) O.H.C. for May is not yet on hand. I send you O.H.C. always earlier 4 or 5 days than Ann & often before it before the close of the month. Ann copy never leaves here earlier than the 17th of the month & should reach me by the 3rd or 4th of the month following. I am quite out of April O.H.C.s & am want more at once.

Yours truly
J. J. Wilson

Send "Overseas numbers" to the Editor of Leading newspapers with request to notice as soon as out. I am keeping back 3 of the last sent for next Christian No., & am not to in the Overseas No.

May 4th 8

Miss Osborne

Dear Madam—

The Rev. R. Ashton has just sent me your address in Winnipeg. I shall be glad to hear from you at once Relative your Work & Offer your services as Lady Superintendent and Teacher at the Waskada Home, Elkhorn, Man. — as I have the application. On Mr Ashton's recommendation I would prefer accepting you for the post if it suits you & take it. I expect to start West about the 16th of May — & would try & see you in Winnipeg in passing. I shall be out West at the Rocky Mountains about 2 weeks — & back again at Elkhorn say & the 1st & 2nd of June at which time I would like to open the Home. I intend to keep 2 boys (aged 8 & 10) & 1 girl aged 12 from here by way of making a commencement. They will go out with me in May — We shall probably receive about 8 girls & 4 small boys (under 12) by way of making a Commencement. The Salary will be $250 & board & about 80 cent. a week allowed for the board of each child. There is a church close to the Home — & Mr. Rowsell, No 5 gave $1000 towards starting it

Lwis close by - & will I know do all he can to help. The Lady Superintendent will have to keep the accounts & furnish a monthly report. With one or two good Cyrid pupils I hope it will not be necessary to have any hired help. We shall have to economise as much as possible at the first start - but I think we are justly entitled to Government help - after we get started.

If this letter reaches you too late for me to get your reply by the 16th will you kindly telegraph at my expence -

Yrs very truly
S. F. Wilson

If you do not like to undertake it without a White person in the Institution - perhaps you would be able to find a girl that would suit in Winnipeg a class-mate. The Home is right in the village close to the station. Marion, the girl I, whom I propose to bring up with me, is a French half breed a handy little girl & talks English perfectly. The boy of 10 is his brother, the other boy (13) belongs to Lac Seul, them 2 will cut wood & do chore work when not at School. I would have preferred taking up an older girl with me, but none of their parents are willing.

May 7 /

My dear Mr. Burman

I hope to start West again (DV) next week – out to the Rockies first – then back to Elkhorn – where I hope to open our 'Waokukeda Home' – about the beginning of June – I have engaged a lady as superintendent & hope that 4 pupils from here to make a beginning. I shall be very glad to receive a few pupils from yr. mission if you can induce them to go – any boys that enter must be under 12; we prefer between 9 & 11, but girls may be a little older – Kindly reply to me c/o Mr Rosewell, Elkhorn, for all letters there a day probably or my way West –

Yrs sincerely –

S. V. Wilson

May 7th 1

Dear Mr Berry,

I was surprised at yr letter as the Bishop had not said a word about yr leaving. I should think he will expect full 3 months notice the same as with the Miss Clays.

I am sorry to hear that you are not well & shall be sorry to hear that you are not better soon. I don't think you need a testimonial from Clays now you are in priests orders. You will receive an 'honorable dismissal' when you leave. You can however refer any Miss Bishop to me - & I shall be glad to write a line or two

Yrs sincerely
J. L. Wilson

May 7 8

Dear Mr Rowsell

Yrs of 16th April only just received – been a long time on the way. I am sorry we cannot supply you a girl – Hagar declined (not) (might go out but parents will not permit them.

I am preparing Please time Sept 1st & 07 – I may likely buy two pcls – the one for I mentioned & a bigger one of 16 – The latter might be some help to Mrs R. till the Institute is filled but we could not spare her after that – as I am trying her at Holly & be a help to Miss Osborne – & she will continue her studies.

You might perhaps write to Miss Osborne – 23 Lindsay Street, Winnipeg – & tell her a little about the place. She is highly recommended as I hope we shall get her. I have offered her $250 & board to teach, superintend, keep the accounts &c – & am waiting for her reply either by letter or telegraph. Elijah is very pleased with your letter. He is a dear little fellow & I am very fond of him. Wasi intends to come back here after having a holiday at home & says he will try & bring Jesse & some other boys. We cannot take any big boys as the Wadokada. I am glad you are getting the paint &c done. I don't think thunder will even come much good

I think very highly of Wasi.

Yrs sincerely
C. T. Wilson

May 7 8

Prof. A. A. Allen

My dear Sir

You may thanks for
ur very kind help. Our stronghold is that we
are helped by so many of God's poor. I am
against endowment & all that kind of thing &
prefer to live on from day to day - depending on
God to supply our wants.

Next week I start West to the Rockies - & take
home my surveying Blackfoot boys - & on my way back
hope to stop at Elkhorn, Neb. & open our
new Home. I take 12 pupils from here &
make a beginning & have engaged a lady to
superintend - but have at present literally
nothing to depend on for support.

Yrs in Christ

S. L. Wilson

I am sending you our last Annual Report.

Nov 7 8

My dear Mr Crawford

It was a pleasant surprise to receive $37 50 last week through Mr Rosenfeld Saint, Brockville, as I thought you had quite deserted us.

I have taken the liberty to apply it towards support of the Elkton Home - as we are laying you on our books for support of a bed at the Sheltering Arms - and I am intensely anxious to get the Elkton started this summer - If you can open us $100 it will not come amiss. The Home is completed - ~~furnished~~ painted - & being furnished. I take 4 pupils from here - (one a daughter of Mr Red) to make a beginning & have engaged a highly recommended lady & take charge. I shall start next week. To foot of the Rockies - & hope to open Elkton on return back about beginning of June. I have literally nothing to depend on for its support - but intend to go ahead - God helping me -

Yours sincerely

L. H. Wilson

May 7th 1

R. N. Cust Esq. L.L.D.

Dear Sir

I have seen in C.M.S. Intelligencer notice of yr "Linguistic & Oriental Essays". I am very much interested in the study of the Indian Languages of this Continent - I am in frequent Correspondence with Mr. Hale of Clinton Oh. I would like much to get a few of your essays - especially Nr 2 on origin of the East Indian Alphabet, 15 on the African Languages, & 20 on the Languages of Oceania. If you have any published in the Japanese or N.S. Arabic dialects - I would like to get them. Would you mind kindly advising how that you think will be most useful to me that I may be able to settle with the account. I am at present engaged in work of a brief comparative history - (taking in also the languages) of all the principle Indian tribes of North America. Mr Hale says he is a personal friend of yrs & recommended me to write to you. Trusting that I am not giving you too much trouble I remain

Yrs very faithfully

S. D. Wilson

I am sending you a copy of Christian Memorials of "Our Lord's Children" if you will kindly accept it -

May 6th 1841

Revd M. Rosenthall

Dear Sir

I have been much interested in reading some pamphlets lately about your Mission. For 3 years past our Indian pupils here have been supporting a boy at Bishop Gobat's Memorial School in Jerusalem — & on Good Friday last we had a Special Collection for the Jews in our Chapel which amounted to £4.

I have thought lately I might increase the interest in the Jews among my pupils if we could form an occasional correspondence between them & the pupils of some of your Schools for Jews — of which I imagine there must be some in your Mission — our boys range from 10 or 11 up to 18 & 19 years of age — & some of the elder ones are intelligent & able to write any part in English. I am sure it would do our boys good & hear from a young Jew's own pen the circumstances that led him to accept Christianity — also about Jewish Customs — amulets — phylacteries &c — & our pupils on their side could tell about the work for the Indians —

Yours faithfully

Edward S. Wilson —

I may mention that I am a son of the late Prebendary Daniel Wilson of Islington

Mrs, 8th 8

My dear Lad

I am sorry to say the poor Blackfoot boy
Mr ves ill wt Consumption has died. I baptized
bt him & Appleton the day before. The latter - was
called James Edward - is an exceedingly nice boy & I quite
hope will prove a true Xtian. He was my devotions for
baptism I expect to start next week for the N. W. &
take Appleton home. & on my way back shall make
a halt at Elkhorn & possibly at Neepigon. Govt
has granted me $8000 towards building the Elkhorn
Institution - besides an annual sum for maintenance.
So we shall be able to take as many pupils as we
do here. However this summer we shall only begin
in quite a small way.
Bevey has written to me that he wishes to leave in a few
months & says he has already given me notice.
I shall give to 'him deceased' & the Stn Clergy who are
leaving at the time you said.
Selwyn writes me that Maintenance has been provided for
Mr Vesey & the people want him as soon as possible.
Alan keeps well & hearty - is just back from duck shooting -

Yrs devoted S. Mills

May 8th 8

My dear Lord -

I have just heard from Ottawa that we have a grant of $8000 towards building Institution at Elkhorn - besides an annual allowance for maintenance - This is much more than I expected - Had never thought Elkhorn being more than a small Branch Home in connection with the Shingwauk. - but these things are in God's hands.

I had intended - & wished still intend - to open our little Home already completed with about a dozen scholars in June - & am in Communication with a lady who I think will be very suitable - & teach & take charge.

I expect to leave here next week - & shall be at Winnipeg May 18th & stay till Monday. I am leaving one or two boys with me & their homes - but they will go on - & I shall be alone. If you have not already started for England - I hope I may have the pleasure of meeting you so as to confer as to plans. I remain my dear Lord

Yrs sincerely

E. F. Wilson

May 8 8

Dear Mr. Roswell

Happy news at least - in Rick not only yours but I should think all yours loving people will rejoice. We are to have an Institute at Elkhorn for 80 pupils - $8000 towards build^g, $4000 towards equipment, - $8000 a year for maintenance! Just got the news last night after sending off my letter to you. Funds will be available July 1st.

I shall still keep to my plan of going to present Home Visit a dozen children a day - ie if I can get Miss Osborne.

I expect to be in Winnipeg May 18 to 21. reach Elkhorn May 21 or next next day. Miss Pipe & the Indian pupils will reach Elkhorn probably May 18 - Wasi - & the 2 girls for the Washakada will get off - Miss P. & the Blackfoot so on. Will you kindly take charge of the 2 girls & make use of them till I come. I expect to be out west about 14 days. reach Elkhorn on return June 1st. & stay a week, then back home. I think this will allow time enough & do what is needed. In the meantime you might ascertain about land. I wish the enlargement of Elkhorn if possible eastward & northward so as to take in 2 acres for a home for girls - & secure a farm 3 or 4 miles back.

Yours sincerely

E. R. Wilson

Mrs &c &

The Dep. Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

Sir

I am in receipt of your favor of the 2d inst. - advising me that the Department will grant $8000 towards the erection of buildings for an Indian Institution with accommodation for 80 boarders at Elkhorn, Manitoba, - also $1000 for the Equipment of the same, and $8000 per annum for Maintenance & tuition of 80 pupils at $100 each per head.

For the above grant I tender my thanks & the Department. I am better further - called on me to furnish Specifications of the proposed buildings & asks me "What proportion of the expence of Maintenance & tuition you & your friends can manage & contribute".

I am unable at present to furnish plans & specifications as the buildings now proposed by the Department are on a more extensive scale than I had expected - I however enclose a rough tracing for the Department to examine - & if the general plan of the tracing is approved I will at once take steps & have proper plans & specifications

for and I shall in due time submit them to the Department. I think the buildings which are now already erected and are preparing to open in June will with a little alteration serve very well as the pupils' quarters. So that there will be only two buildings to erect.

I would further beg to purchase and endorse two acres of land - as a laundry, drying ground & garden at our present site; and also a farm about 3 or 4 miles back, where farm buildings & a farmers cottage not board; accommodation for a few boys could be erected. This was my original plan when I commenced building in the village of Elkhorn.

The land on which our present buildings have been erected is held in my own name and that of Jas. H. Roswell of Elkhorn, merchant, as trustees. I would like to know whether the Department will be satisfied with this arrangement or would prefer that it be held by the Bishop of Rupert's Land as Church of England property. or held in some other way.

As to the amount to be contributed by parents - it is impossible to say. I think my plan of getting different Indian Schools to partly support individual pupils is a good one - as it arouses interest. I daresay the whole cost of each pupil will not be far short of $125 per annum. and in that case I might

ask Sunday School. to contribute $25 each - & arrange to pay so much Contributions. What ought I think to be sufficient to cover all expenses.

I think my plan of 3 buildings without the large one is a good one. It isolates the boys entirely from the girls except for meals & school, & is also a safeguard against fire. I would recommend that the ends of the buildings which are contiguous should be fitted with iron & the covered passage connection be made in such a way that it can be cut away with a few strokes of an axe.

In regard to staff — I think there should be a married man as Superintendent & head teacher, an assistant male teacher, an assistant female teacher, a cook, a laundress, a carpenter who will assist in superintending &c, & a farm man.

I should like to know whether it is intended that the Departmental payments pass through my hands as General Superintendent or whether they will be paid direct to the local Superintendent, — whether the local Superintendent is to be responsible to me or responsible direct to Head Quarters.

If necessary to write immediately - a letter will find me per. Post Office, Winnipeg, May 19 to 21, after that Edmonton. I will like to hear of possible abt the construction of the Land before meeting the Bishop of Rupertsland in Winnipeg.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your obedient servant
Edward F. Wilson

My 4th 4

To the Dep. Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

Sir

I have to take the following Indian Children from my Agency here to become temporary pupils at our new Institution at Elkhorn. Their understanding, Capital well & they accustomed to the rules & regulations of an Institution will I believe have a beneficial effect on the new pupils we gather in as well as relieve the Lady Superintendent who is to take charge of a good deal of trouble. I have enquired of the C. P. R. authorities the expense of moving these Children & it will be as follows.

1 boy & 1 girl above the age of 12	$14.30	each
1 " & 1 " below " "	$7.15	each.

Total at which food & the way $42.90. I should be very thankful if the Department will do for & meet this expense. I propose keeping them at Elkhorn for one year, but it could be sent back sooner if found advisable. I have the honor to be

Sir Your obedient Servant

W. J. Wilson

Children above Name to
Agency Blackfoot Crossing

Mon 1st 8

L. Vanderpool Esqr
My dear Sir

I feel I can claim yourself to thank personally as well as to take the liberty of asking your kindness in favour of an appeal on behalf of the Home at Elkhorn. When the letter arrived I read it the boys in the School room - it created a great surprise & much pleasure with many of them I say, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow".

I had also just written a letter to the London Chronicle Japan - says that I had determined to open the Elkhorn Home in June - but for its support had only "the handful of meal & the little oil in a cruse".

I trust the appeal on behalf of the Rheingeank - may in due time - meet with as good success.

I regret to say that the Blackfoot boy died on the 23rd of April, but I baptized him & his own parents with the day before. The surviving boy, "James Edward" is an exceedingly nice fellow - I hope a true Christian. & I trust will be a shining light among his people.

The success of 'Our Forest Children' convinces I present in its being appreciated - but it is not present a considerable Number of Expenses as we send more than ½ the copies free - & the Postage for the Whole book comes cost.

Yrs very faithfully J. H. Wilson.

May 6th 8

D. McNicoll Esq.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 4th inst received with rates from Sault Ste Marie & Calgary & the intermediate points.

I shall be glad to accept your terms & the party will be ready to start from here May 16 or 17 – on which ever of those days there is a C.P.R. boat passing.

In addition to those I mentioned there will be one more girl (over 12) for Elkhorn.

The only point I take exception to in your letter is your not permitting stop overs for Indian pupils travelling second class. If this is not allowed it will cause me very great inconvenience – as my custom is to stop a day or two in a place – pick up 2 or 3 pupils – & so on to another place – picking them up wherever I can – & then start for home. I trust you will kindly make an exception in my case – on these grounds – & allow stop overs for my tickets I may purchase at any time & on any point of your line for Indian pupils. You do not say send cash so I presume I am to purchase tickets either here or at Port Arthur.

Yrs faithfully E. F. Wilson

My 5th - 8

My dear Mr Henderson

Your welcome letter received. And by the same mail as the welcome letter, in which I am sure you will rejoice with me, from the Indiaman Despatched a £800 grant towards building Home & he limits large enough for 80 pupils - & £100 a year each for the maintenance. I read the letter to the boys in our School room - & we sang "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow".

I had only just written to the Church Papers - saying I had determined to open our Elkhorn Home in June - but for it. Support had "if the handful of meal & the little oil in the cruse"

I have already engaged or almost engaged a very suitable lady - a Miss Osborne. She has been teaching at the Highland Institute at Brantford & is highly recommended by the Principal, Rev. R. Dalton. Mr Rowsell & myself agreed that we would make up the salary (£150) ourselves if enquiries elsewhere proved too hard hearted.

Well - please do not relax your efforts. We still want £1000 a year - as it will cost us quite that to keep the Home up even above the present grant. As to the

the Bishop of Rupert's Land - he has been warmly in favor from the first & most kind - but I think has been a little worried by the 'multitude of Counsellors'. Many a good work has been hindered or overthrown by that sort of thing. I hope soon the Bishop in Winnipeg next week if he has not left for England.

I shall intend to carry out my 'small plan' for his income - Lady Superintendent + a dozen Children - the 'big plan' cannot begin till next year - but I shall get out plans, Specifications &c at once -

Yrs very sincerely
C. J. Wilson -

from P.O. Winnipeg will find me May 18 to 21 - after that Elkhorn, Man.

The Hon will be distinctively 'Church of England'.

May 8th 8

My dear Dr. Hale -

Many thanks for yr. last letter of Dec. 28th. You will be glad I am done to hear - Govt has appropriated $6000 for new buildgs at Elkhorn, Man, - $4000 for equipment of do, & $8000 per ann. towards support of 80 pupils.

Thurston (D.T.) leaves here next week - May 18-20 in Winnipeg, 22d Elkhorn, May 25th to June 2d Calgary & Sarcee Indians, June 10 to 18 Elkhorn, then home:

The Blackfeet boy I am sorry to say died April 23d. I baptized them both & their own visit to day before.

I hope to open our small institution already built at Elkhorn Wite Bear - & to get out plans & make arrangts for additional buildgs.

I will, as you desire, make special enquiry about the 'language exercise' among the various tribes I come in contact with. I have not seen Curry's Iroquois dictionary. Have as many books as I want. I have just sent to Cincinnati for Bancroft's 5 vols.

Yrs sincerely
D. L. Wilson

May 9th 8

To Manager Bank of Montreal
Toronto

Sir

I enclose you Statement
of account confirmed also cheques as follows.

No. 2023	Bank of Montreal	38.60	
" 14594	" Bk. N. Am.	42.10	80.70

Will please credit to my Indian Homes acct.

Yrs. Truly

S. H. Wilson

May 10 8

Dear David I have just heard from Dr Bethune that the Civil service exam. has been put off until November. I am sorry for this, but it cannot be helped. I think the best plan will be for you to come back to us when you leave Trinity in July & stay here till time for exam. You will be better to go back to your home. & we have railway now direct to Ottawa so that you could easily go there for Examination. Talk it over with Dr Bethune & let me hear from you what you decide on.

Keep out of the sunshine

Yr. H. Wilson

Mrs Thornlow

Dear Madam

I ought already to have written to you, but have been so occupied with Correspondence, that the Indian girl Mary Peters supported by St Peters Guild Law for a very nice situation with Revd McMorine St James' Rectory, Kingston - She left us a few weeks ago & writes about to me home very happily. Perhaps She has already written to you herself.

We have another girl named Philamina Sampson & now I would like you to take in her place if willing to do so. Philamina was supported by the Girls' Friendly Society, Cornwall. - but that I am sorry to say has collapsed so that She is at present without support - She is a very nice girl aged about 16 - an Ottawa Indian, & comes from Theckeperwaning, Manitoulin Island.

Yours faithfully

E. J. Wilson

I have received a part of $6000 from Government towards my new Institution at Elkhorn. Man.

May 11 8

My dear Mr. Lovell

The Civil Service Exam - for Miss Frankheyer does not have form up is deferred until November. She will therefore remain at Port Hope until vacation begins in July - & I have suggested to him to return Miss to the Shipwrecks & stand, here quietly until time for his Exam.

This will secure your Continuance of his support until that time. What I want you will be willing to do.

You will be pleased I am sure to hear that I have effected a Grant of $6000 towards my new Institution at Elkhorn in Manitoba.

I enclose Miss Frankheyer's last report.

Yrs sincerely

S. J. Wilson

May 11th 8

Mrs Rowell & Hubbard
Dear Sir
Please fill following order —

½ dz small English pron. dictionaries – School ones.
2 boxes pen nibs – suitable for school & office.
2 dz Dominion copy books – ruled headings.
3 pints black ink – good.
3 packets Cap Note envelopes. (8½ x 4)
1 box Large Note envelopes – deep marked in pencil.
1 " small " " " "
1 dz packets of linen blotting. 7 inches wide.
1 ream ruled note paper (good)
6 marble paper Cover Acct books, about 8" by 12" 6 ½ ruled.
1 dz drawing pencils H.B. & F.
1 dz 50 cent ref. bibles gilt edge.
2 dz small cloth red edge 4 & M hymn books.
½ doz prize books (choice for boys) at $1 & 1.25
½ " " (choice for girls) at $1 & 1.25
½ " " mostly for boys & 75ct a book
½ " " " " & 50ct & 30ct.

2 or 3 books in each parcel with name of owner written in them.

above must be well selected & illustrated for Sabbath School

S. F. Wilson

May 12th 8

To Manager
Bank of Montreal, Toronto
Sir

Please Credit Commercial Bank Toronto for $170.29/100 — Indian Home acct — per Mail

G. L. Wilson

May 12th 8

Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge receipt of your Cheque for $170.29 — I have requested several times that details might be furnished me as to the Sunday Schools & Churches & Mission Stations from which the amounts are paid — as we have ledger accounts with these different parties & require to credit their accounts — I know it is the wish of the Board that all Contributions should pass through the Head Office but while this little piece of Courtesy is not attended to it forces me to discourage our Contributors from sending their offerings through you — The Rev Secretaries — Mr Rogers — Mr Reid & Mr Green always guide me to desired particulars —

Yours faithfully
G. L. Wilson

May 14th 8

Dear Jacks

Yr letter received - & the 50 - Am very sorry I have not sent to Mr Andrews. The two pict will be sent by the Steamer. Hope he will come back this way - I was glad to see him & it is a pity for him & I.

I enclose you a ticket for Nancy Henry & come up by next trip of Steamer - & I hope that Hannah Frey & Wilson Jacks daughter will come at the same time. Elijah Jacks of Moravian Town also has a boy & girl & some - will you direct him a post card - & get him to send them at the same time.

You will be glad to hear that for the Lots I claim me $8000 towards my Elkhorn home. So we shall have another school here as the big as the Shingwauk. The cash I expected & engaged has failed me, so I have written & Mrs H. Robinson asking her to take the profits of Lady Supt June 10th.

Yrs devoted

S. D. McLean

I leave here on the 17th - & I do hope that Mrs Robinson will by telegraph before leaving.

Please get forms of application filled in & signed for the 4 boys & 1 girl pict arrived. This ought to have been done before the children were sent.

May 14 8

Wm Cauley

Dear Madam

You may have heard that I am about to open a new Institution for Indian Children at Alkhan in Manitoba - & I want to take two girls from the Warwick to stay there one year - so as to help teach the new girls how to behave & obey the rules. I shall be much obliged if you will allow your daughter Harriet to go with me. She says she want to go very much. & as the girl Marion Beesan will go with her. There will only be 12 pupils at the School this winter & a very nice lady will be in charge. Please reply at once as I am starting in a few days.

Yours truly
Edward O. Wilson

May 15th 8

Revd H. Crompton
Dear Sir

I was surprised to take yr self of receiving a parish register & being charged $2.50 without receiving any intimation before hand about it. I think the matter ought have been brought up & discussed at the Conference instead of being thrown upon the clergy & the parishes. I sent my copy back as in my opinion I have no use for it. I may as well however confess that you would 'knuckle under' a little & work more smoothly with the Bishop. Any kind of quarrelling among Christians does harm to the Church. Altho' you & even Mrs Goodrich may not approve of all the Bishop's methods - we must remember that he has been appointed as Chief Shepherd of this portion of the Lords fold & I think we should all try as far as possible to uphold his hands & strengthen the Church's work. You can write a good letter about backwards missionary work - & if you will entirely keep some fleer free from any allusion to such unpleasant & not introduce too much spice of a ritualistic flavor I shall be most glad indeed & thankful to receive & print yr letters - & I think you might do much good.

Yrs sincerely
C. H. Wilson

Quantity of long 'spicy' Cornell from Muskoka

May 15th 8

The Supt. General
of Indian Affairs.

Sir

I beg leave to submit to you for your inspection some papers which I am preparing giving statistics as to the history, customs, & language of all the principal Indian Tribes in North America about a hundred in number.

I shall be glad to learn the approval of the Department in my projected work, & to know also whether the Department would allow their agents in the various Indian Reservations to assist me by furnishing information as far as it may lie in their power to do so.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your obedient servant
Edward D. Wilson

If the papers are returned in the course of a few weeks it will suit me as I am about to leave for the West & do not require them until I return.

May 15th 8

The Asst. Supt. General
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

I beg to enclose you copy of the Report of the Canadian Indians published by the British Association.

I expect to visit the Sarcee Indians in Alberta about the 25th of this month & draw up a similar Report.

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly obtain for me your Agent there (to whom I am a stranger) to facilitate me in obtaining the required information.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your Obedient Servant
Edward E. Wilson

If the 3rd. Dep. Report for 1887 is ready I should be glad if I could have a copy.

Dear Locke -

Inclosed find ticket
for Hammersley's Navy
News to come next sat. per Empire
Navy I think paid for his
last pubn. but Hammersley
must pay for the ticket then
pay me it & her. I cannot
keep places open for those
pubs of Hs do not come on the
'Empire'

Yrs truly
S. F. Wilson

May 15th.

May 16th 1

W. Jno. Rutherford.

Dear Sir

I received the Ag. M. News for May, yesterday. Both Amn. & O&C are very much behind the time. I hope you will manage always to have them on time. O&C ought to be mailed a few days before the end of the month - & Amn on 1st of the month absolut.

I enclose you Check for $37.17 that is cost account you sent me. Please keep sending it you need - as we like to keep our Postage account always up to date.

I have to-morrow for the N. N. & shall be away 6 weeks. I shall try however to have Copy for July No Amn. & O&C ready for you at the usual time. There is no June No of O&C. Summer number takes it place. I sent you Amn. Copy for June yesterday. The Blackfoot cards have just reached me & look very nice. I suppose it will be too late to put any more into the Summer Number. Just mention that some I have just made a grant of $200 to the Elkhorn Irrig. & will partly dispose of 80 inches. Please send me ½ a dozen of the Summer Number to P.O. Elkhorn, Mont. as soon as printed, also ½ a do, to my address here. Rev. J. Hutchins address must be altered from Coldwater to Shuttsville, Ont.

Yrs truly C.D. Hilton

May 16 8

Dear Miss Robinson

I received yr letter on Sat night & am very glad that you able to accept the situation. I course I took it for granted that you have had some little experience in teaching & wd be able to carry pupils as far as the 4th book & most subjects as to visit it - it comes on at the public school - also that you are of sufficient age & discretion of character to manage children & keep them in order - & a sufficient good manager to keep accts &c - I imagine you wd not have applied for the situation unless you felt yourself capable of undertaking it. I shall now depend on you to take the school - at any rate for the first year. After that we shall have probably enlarged & some different arrangement will have to be made in regard to superintending but I shall be able still to employ you as teacher & perhaps superintendent of the pub. Dept. I shall be glad if you can kindly be ready to start as on Friday Oct by June 9th or 10th - a day or two earlier wd do - but not later - I shall take 2 boys on with me to-morrow & a pile will be ready to join you here at the Sault & go with you - You might perhaps arrange to come by Sarnia both here & then take C.P.R. boat - this wd join your [illegible] to Rosseau. Write that the Mrs Wilson.

Yrs truly J. F. Wilson.

May 16 8

Mr. M. Cross

Sir

I shall be obliged if you send me the Mountain Deer's head at once by freight - packed securely in a box and addressed Rev. E. F. WILSON
SAULT STE MARIE
Ont

If you detain the head any longer for your own purposes - I shall take proceedings. I expect it to be sent off the same day you get this letter -

Yrs.

E. F. Wilson

May 15 1

Rev. C. A. Secretan

Dear Sir

I enclose you receipt for boat hooks &c as requested.

I am will also let some furniture &c belonging to Dineen to leave in the house - & I shall be obliged if when you leave you will kindly paste the windows & shutters & lock the door & send the key home.

Mr. Cummings has not yet paid your rent for the farm land for this year - will you please ask him to pay it to me as promptly - Not as if he wishes to rent the land.

Yours truly

S. H. Wilson

May 22 8

Dear Dr. McMaster

Mary Peters has just written home about Philadelphia. Neither her father or her sister Jane are willing for her to come. They wish her to stop at School & get fairly educated before going out to service & I think they are right in doing so. If Mary Peters can persuade Maria's people to let her go I am quite willing for her to come. It certainly I think it wd. be well spent in Keighton on her.

It cost me $18.50 to send Mary P. down. She will pay $5 of this & you will I hope put in $3.50 so as to leave us $10 only to pay out of Hawkins funds. I could not send a girl again unless it & the expenses at least were met by the employer. I am very glad M. P. is pleased & will write you. She seems to be very happy. Please thank her for her letter. I expect to get away today for the N.W. - I ought to have started a week ago but P.A. is blocked with ice

Yrs sincerely

S. D. Wilson

$1 received on a/c from M. Peters - leaves $4 due.

May 22d 8

J. J. Mason Esq.

Dear Sir

I am much obliged to you for
detail particulars about Niagara Dist. Contributions
but certainly require the same for each District -
I put it to you - how could a business man
keep his books - suppose he had a wholesale business
say in Montreal - if the remittances from the retail
houses were lumped together instead of coming to him
separately. We have on our ledger the names of
certain Sunday Schools & individuals who contribute
regularly a fixed sum towards support of our pupils
& I cannot require to give them credit for every remittance
I send - I think I have explained all this before -
Your lumping together the sums you receive for us
has caused me an immense deal of trouble and
annoyance - I had rather pay $ 1 each time than
have such confusion. It would also suit me much
better if you would forward any money you have for us not
less often than every 2 months. With the Districts & Societies
& which you send many times smaller I have mentioned may be
of little importance but with us it is of primary importance -
Please send me detail as soon as possible. Yours truly S. B. Wilson -
I leave for N. W. today - but my accountant will attend them.

Please fill in and send the application for Julia K (2 years) Regan (5 yrs) in same box.

July 10 8

My dear James.

I was very glad to get your letter and I read it to the boys. The boys think you are very smart to write a good letter by your self. I am very glad that you love God. I am glad you love Jesus Who died for us. I am glad you did not go to the Sun dance. I hope you will come back here to Shingwauk Home next summer and bring two more boys. I am glad you are going to build a house for your Mother. Give my love to your Mother & tell her I wear the bracklets every day. Give my love to my father and Mother. Give my love to Paul and Sequasin and Mätstoa-täpä-tsekäm. Remember me also kindly to Mr. Sims and Miss Sims. I hope great lots of boys and girls go to School every day. Pray to God every day. Always remember Jesus Who died to save us.

I am your friend who loves you

Natusi-Asamè.

July 4

James P. Mitchell Esq:

Dear Sir

I have received yr letter of the 26th ult. The Q St when I want should is about S.E. of the Church & adjoin the church lot. There is a hollow place in the side of the bank in which I think our building would fit snugly & would look well from the railway. I have marked the place with a X on your plan also position as I remember it of Roman & English Church. I would like to know how many feet wide & length of the hollow place that I mention is. The building of course could be partly up the sides of the Q St bank. We want to get about 1½ or 2 acres of land in Q St marked by the large X. I saw Mr Scott (or rather his assist.) in Winnipeg & he thought the lane could be closed running into Montreal Street. I also marked on his plan the site I want for our institution.

Yrs truly

D. L. Wilson

Jan 10th 8

Dear Alfonza -

It is my intention to succeed our Shizzuk Home just now so as to place as for the winter I enlarge & bring more children do you can send along as many boys as you like - if not younger than 8 or older than 14. & we could take 20 or 25 girls too if any want to come. Parents able to pay passage to N.W. do so - Government will provide tickets. I am sending you a packet of Applications for parents (or guardians) to fill in & sign.

I had a nice trip to the North West - We have just our new Home at Elkhorn - & expect to have another one at Medicine Hat -

Yours sincerely
J. H. Wilson

I enclose you a Report with pictures in it & also to show the Indians.

July 10th 8

Mr David Cassine

Dear Sir

You can do as you wish about sending Albert Kabayah back here to School. This is a Christian School & the boys are taught the Christian & prohibited of the swear or say bad words - also for chewing or smoking tobacco neither of which are allowed. Albert I am sorry to say was not a very good boy & had to be punished several times - He was also very slow at his lessons.

I enclose you a ticket for him from Colliyaveed. If you do not wish to send him, send me the ticket back as there are plenty more boys anxious to come here.

Yours Truly

S. P. Nelson

I enclose also a ticket for Alexander Cassine. If the boys do not return the parents will be charged with the cloth taken away.

July 10 1887

W. James Sampson
Dear Sir.

Your brother Isaac Sampson came to the Shinpaunk Home in October 1884 and an agreement was signed for him to stay 6 years ending to October 1890. He can go home for a holiday this summer if you send the money $4.75 to pay for his return journey. Holidays begin July 15th. & end Sept 5th. Mr. McKelvey sent me $2 for him August 1st 1887. I gave Isaac $1 Sept 17th, & $1 ~~Sept~~ Nov. 16th, so there is no more left.

Yrs truly
E. F. Wilson

July 10 8

My dear Mr. Jarvis

I am safe back from a long visit to the N. W. & find yr letter of 16 ult. awaiting me. London receipt for the £18 2s Nick please hand to Miss McCallum - & I will send the duplicate receipt as requested to Mr R. V. Rogers.

In regard to my letter in the Hon. Churchman. I believe from past experience that it does good once in a while to hit up the dregs. I know Critics are - common unkind & unfair men - & my work here in the Indian Home has done me good in the end - & draws my attention to any possible defect & enables me to answer any unjust aberrations & to clear up any misunderstandings. Now I know personally that such evils as I have mentioned do or at least have existed in some of the Can. Divinity Schools - & I know that every year there are certain young men sent out to fill vacant missions - young bantams - who are calculated to create more contempt than respect. The good that I sought to do by my letter - was to make the Heads of Colleges look more into their Ships - & make the young men themselves ashamed of such Ships. If any college can rise & prove that the allegations as respects themselves are wholly without foundation none will be more pleased than I. We want men - Christian men - to do God's work.

Yours truly & faithfully

Jan 6th 8

Dr Lovejoy

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the sum of $10 - sent by some Montreal friend anonymously "for Dr Lovejoy".

I have also to inform you that we have removed your protegee Aleck Beecan from the Shingwauk Home to the "Wadakada Home" at Elkhorn, Man. together with one or two other pupils. I thought it desirable to have a few civilized pupils in our new Home just to begin with - and Aleck will come back here again at the end of a year or perhaps sooner. I am sure will not I hope object to this arrangement. The first grant towards support of the Elkhorn Home will be all taken up in payment of teachers' salary, fuel &c - so we shall still need the $75 in full for support of your boy. When the Home is completed & we get more pupils we shall be able to give pupils to I. Schools for support at a much lower charge. Kindly let me know how many additional copies O.I.C. you require. We are distributing an immense number gratis - still are glad to do so when appreciated.

Yrs sincerely

E. F. Wilson

July 6th 8

The Manager
Bank of Montreal, Toronto -
Dear Sir

Have just returned home from the N. West. I received yr telegram - about my bill for £644.18.3 being refused. Wish to Enquire - Have since heard from my bankers that he was away on a holiday & had failed to leave instructions - but has now set it all right. Please let me hear at once - so that I can handle the many.

Enclose Bill of Exchange on Thomas Ault for £50 - Wish please credit to Indian Horses acct. & let me hear the amt credited.

Yrs truly
Edward L Wilson

Please send me some Bill of exch. blanks.

July 6th 8

The Indian Commissioner

Sir -

I have to inform you that I have opened the "Washakada Home for Indian Children" at Elkton, Dak. & so far as the buildings are completed, & am taking steps to erect additional buildings.

I was somewhat disappointed in my effort to procure pupils. At some Reserves that I visited the Sundance was going on. At others preparations were being made for the 4th July. I had a good many promises & half promises from parents to send their children.

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly instruct your Agents in the vicinity of Elkton (ie within a 100 miles or so) to make the Institution known among the Indians & to take what steps they can to have the Institution filled with pupils. We have accommodation at present for 10 boys and 8 girls.

Since Dear I telegraphed to you about from Griswold & Oak Lake - asked to wait until after the 4th July celebration. I have left it with Jos. H. Rodwell of Elkton to arrange now about getting them to the Institution.

I have to honor to be Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Edward R. Nelson

Jan 4th 8

Thos Ruttan Esq
Dear Sir

I am to day drawing on you a usual Quarterly bill for £50 for our Indian Home. Mrs Martin told me recently that she hoped I might soon begin draw £100. (the amt formerly was £110 per Quarter) - but I think it will be more satisfactory for you to wait till you have a clear balance of £100 in your hands - after which if the subscription will admit of it I will draw £100 each Quarter. Our work is now very much on the increase. I have just opened a new Institution at Elkhorn in Manitoba 800 miles from here - & with God's help hope to receive 80 pupils when completed. We also hope to have another Home 800 miles still further west. What do you think wd be my prospects if I were to visit England next Winter or Spring with a band of Indian boys? - I wd have come this year but did not meet with sufficient encouragement.

Yrs sincerely
S. Wilson

Mr Nelson's acct £22.1.0 was received after drawing my statement in the N.W.

July 6th 1

C. H. Campbell Esq.
Dr Sir

Please pay to receipt for
Clerk pro rec'd -
Clerk's Salary due -
1800 copies double numbers Am. Nav.
mailed — April 1st — $27.00
1800 " " July 1st — 27.00
54.00
Less - Jos. H. Seibert, Com.
for Muskets 1.00
$53.00

Yrs truly
L. J. Wilson

July 6th 1

A. Mckelar Esq.
Dear Sir

Yr letter of 2d inst received - enclosing £5 expenses Isaac Sampson. Had already written to James Sampson. He boy has 2 more years here to fill his term as per agreement.

Had already written to Rev. J. Jacobs about the Summer holidays & hoped he wd have told you. Passage money ought to be here in a few days for them to leave.

Our rule as I think you know is - "to leave 2 years stay & not less than 1 year." A. Salery, Amos S, Charles J. will remain less the Summer. The Otter Walpole Smith can go home if the Parents send return passage in full.

Holidays begin July 13th and end September 5th.

I shall be able I think to take Jane Stimpson - but the application should be sent first & then I received it & know the terms asked I will answer it. The £30 income will of course go to the Institution towards the girls' expenses.

Charlotte Knapp left her place (Dr Reids) when she was getting £7 a month with the distinct understanding that she was to return in 3 weeks. She has been away 5 & Mrs R. is in great trouble about her non-return. Please send her back at once if you can. She will of course forfeit her wages if she fails to come.

Yrs sincerely T. D. Wilson

July 6th 8

My dear Mr. Halcro

I am only just back from a long trip of over 3000 miles to the North West & find your letter & the £22.2.0 from Mr. Rutt awaiting me.

I am glad that my sister was so successful in her little sale for us at Hawkhurst. She writes me that she netted £16. I hardly know that to do about a trip to England. I had all my plans prepared for it in the Spring but was discouraged from coming. Our work here is with God's blessing making great strides just now. I have just opened a new Home for Indian Children at Elkhorn in Manitoba & when completed, we hope with Government aid to support 80 pupils. This gives me a great deal of additional work & we have also to raise additional funds in order to carry it on. Kindly excuse more as I have a pile of correspondence to attend to.

Yours sincerely

Edward F. Wilson

July 6th 8

My dear Mr Batt,

I am only just home from a long trip of over 3000 miles to the North West - & find your letter among many others awaiting me. We have indeed appreciated your kind remembrance of our work - & the gifts that have come to us through the medium of the "Coral Magazine". I am sorry for the error in placing A.I.O.U too under Mr Halan's collection instead of under Fr 'Coral Land'. It is too late to rectify it now - but I can if you wish note the mistake in the next annual Report. Should you keep sending Fr contributions direct to me instead of through Mr Halan please do so. I hope you receive copies of our little paper the Forest Children. I am sending you a packet by the mail: kindly excuse more as I am so 'outdoorsy'.

Yrs sincerely -

S. L. Wilson

July 6th 8

Dear Joseph. I have just received your letter of June 29th. I was very sorry to hear of the death of your wife. It must make you feel very lonesome. But I trust She is now safe in Heaven with her Saviour.

I hardly know What to advise you to do. I would think it would be better for you to accept Mr. Machin's Offer & to teach an Indian School. If you like me to take your little boy Edward again - I could receive him here at Mt. Lebanon Home.

I am too busy to write more now as I am just home from the N.W. and am overdone with work.

Keep out knee.

L H Wilson

Jan 9th 8

Dear Capt Pratt

Many thanks for your kind letter of May 25th received in the West while I was travelling. My wife having just come in for a little legacy thinks she would like to spend it in a little journey with me through the Southern States during the time in the Lake Hall Term &c. beginning to get cold & disagreeable in Massachusetts So we are trying to plan a trip taking Carlisle - Hampton - & Washington at the start & coming back by way of Denver, Colorado New Mexico & California. If we come we shall be glad to have no visit you - I want particularly to visit Indian Territory, Arizona, & New Mexico - & shall be very glad if you can give me letters of introduction to Indian Agents or Mission schools in the Indians in those parts - Do you know Standing Bear about so much perhaps you could give me some idea what such a trip would cost - Some time when you have a few spare moments to let me hear from you - If we find we can manage it we shall start about the 10th I am afraid the Indian boys will not consent to any of their boys going to Carlisle - I had great difficulty in getting the boys to stay at school - Very many thanks for so kindly agreeing to spend

Yours sincerely R. H. Wilson

July 15th 8

Indian Walker
Dear Sir

I received your letter of the 3d inst. on my return to the R. West - I have not been back a few days - & am today visited at 8 o'clock for Statistics of the Ponca Indians & have sent them to you - If you find the Chart correct - please write any additional particulars & return a blank Chart & list of ...

I am happy if possible to arrange for a visit early in the late fall visit to Indians in Arizona & New Mexico - I shall come by way of Pennsylvania & return by way of Colorado - If you can kindly then write again tell me what are the facilities for getting there - What point it will be most desirable to visit I will esteem it a great favor - I am greatly obliged to you for your kindness in this & will in the future -

In the accompanying papers you will find statistics of the Winnebago Indians - It may possibly interest you to compare them with the Ponca -

Yours very faithfully
T. H. Tibbles

I am sending you also our last annual Report -

July 10th 8

My dear Miss Wallis

I am much thanks for yr note wh enclosure of £6 10 for our work from St Johns Ch Warmi assembly - I only wish I had time to write you a long letter but am so engrossed wh work - only just home for the short rest - Examinations going on here - plans kept at for our new Home at Elkhorn - I dont think people have been busy I am - & it is so difficult I find to keep up interest without personal correspondence -

I do hope our kind friends at Peterboro' will not only keep up but increase their interest in our work -

I have an immense work now before me - If God will give me grace to carry it through - but our funds are still Short & so little seem to come in -

Can take the liberty of taking $1 out of the $6 10 you send & pay for 7 Copies of the Sermons No 2 A.S.C. Wish I am ready - We cannot afford to send them gratis - I hope yr ladies after seeing them will order more Copies & distribute them among friends -

Yr sincerely
S. D. Wilson

July 10th 8

The Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs
Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge
your letter of the 4th inst (No 64.316) suggesting certain
alterations in one Specification for proposed additional
buildings at Elkhorn.

I may say that the idea of building on the Surface of
the ground & Surface plans, the lumber which would be
Covered up did not Commend itself to me - but I was
told it was the custom to do so by those in the Dept.

Each of your notes - Nos 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 & 8 shall
be attended to.

I will also have a copy made of my plan for the
Boys' building & forwarded to you.

In the mean time we would like to begin at once with
the Laundry building. The local builder - Mr. Bradley
who has been employed by Mr. Rowswell to erect several
buildings & seems to be a thoroughly reliable man - will estimate
the cost of the Laundry & put in his tender. If the Department
is not satisfied to accept Mr. Bradley's tender on my own
& Mr. Rowswell's recommendation we will advertize for
others. Trust the will be satisfactory.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your Obt Servt Edward F. Wilson

July 10 8

My dear Mr Rowsell

Yr of the 3d inst just received. I am did quite right in your 2nd Dep. letter - I had deposited the temporary use of £1000 of the Elkhorn Money to make a start & Medicine that the summer instead of leaving the money to lie idle - said money to be replaced at the end of the year. This is what Mr Vankampen objects to in his letter.

2. I am glad you have succeeded in getting a cook for the Waiilatpu & hope she will do well. Miss Robinson should write to Rev. B. McKenzie, Dyneva P.O., (Cowlitz river) & tell him that we do not need the Indian woman who was coming. But I think it might still be an advantage to get 2 or 3 girls from there if they come.

I shall be answering their Letter from pupils coming from Oak Point - if you succeed in getting them.

Mr Irwine of Lachine has been definitely appointed to the proposed Indian Mission & is to come in August - ask Miss Pipe to write & tell him to bring some children with him to Elkhorn.

3 Please send me exact extract of my letter to the 2nd dep. re the £1000 for land.

"The 2 lots already deeded are held by Mr Jas. H. Rowsell and myself as trustees, and I would prefer that the 12 additional

Lts should be held in the usual manner. Mr. Hinks
take into consideration that the £8000 granted for building
purposes will not nearly cover the entire cost of the buildings
it is my wish that the Schools should remain in our
hands. If the Dept is willing that we shall ask the Dept.
to undertake the entire cost of the buildings necessary for an
Institution for 80 pupils."

To this I appended extracts from our Constitution -
providing that no land shd be sold vested &c except with
the joint consent of the trustees, Bishop, & Incl. Dept.

And finally I asked them to send me the £400 for the Ch.
As soon as I get the cheque I will endorse it over to you.

Lewis has written - very fully from Incl. Dept. on receiving
my plans & specification of the New buildings - I think it
will be unwise to raise any objection to what they say
of course they are supposed to know -

Among other - I have said that their note shall be
attended to - and - . . . .

"In the meantime we would like to begin at once
with the Laundry building. The local builder, Mr Bradley,
who has been employed by Mr Rowsell to erect several
buildings & seems to be a thoroughly reliable man will estimate
the cost of the Laundry & put in his tender. If the Dept.
is not satisfied to accept Mr Bradley's tender on my
own & Mr Rowsell's recommendation we will advertise
for more."

On receiving this you had better at once get Br. to make a
careful estimate (taking with some endorsement letter from the Dept.)
& ask for tenders. This is about time you might forward direct
to the Dept - saying that I decided not to do so - asking them to respond
to me. If we get the Cons. Council that will give us time to arrange
about the Central building. The plans from above shd go ahead at once.

If you wish think it we had better wait till the tenders in.

Yrs sincerely C H Nelson

July 16/48

Dear Miss Robinson -

I enclose you a copy of the Wadsworth Constitution -

I am too busy to write long in the midst of Examinations - am very glad to hear from W. R. that you have got a cook - & I trust that pupils are already arriving - for my Room & Board & Tuition are as low as I can & will and you decision about the Examination -

Yours truly

S. H. Wilson

Pray my kind regards to Miss Pipe.

I send you draft for $45.00 to settle account to July 1st.

July 11th 8

My dear Mr Leakey

I am awfully busy being only just back from our 3000 mile trip to the North west - now in the midst of exams prior to letting the boys loose for summer holidays - but must screw out a few moments to write and thank you very much for so kindly keeping our work in mind & sending us cloth for our Home every year for which I fear we never thank you - Our faithless sister Mrs Mitchell has quite deserted us - She used in her young days to send me £30 or £40 a year for which I greatly blessed her - I am afraid nearly all our old friends & England are either dying off or becoming faithless -

I am still "in labours abundant & journeys oft" - sometimes very weary & tired - but the many good promises of God's word support & uphold me - I have just started a new Home at Elkhorn in Manitoba - When Completed it will take 80 pupils - & have also another one in prospect at Medicine Hat still further West - When all is Completed I hope to have 3 hospitals each for 80 children - & each 80 miles or so apart - in a line from here to the Rockies - Do let us any possible way of stirring up people a little about it & God will send more help -

Yours very sincerely C. L. Wilson

July 11th 8

Rev. M. S. Thompson

Dear Sir

Your kind letter of the 16th ult has been handed me on my return from a long trip of over 3000 miles to the N. West. Very many thanks for the liberal contribution of $50 raised by Miss Addie & the Children's mission Society. We are greatly in need of increased help just now. Our work is increasing here & the Indians want it, & I have just opened a new Home called "the Washikada" at Elkhorn in Manitoba. I have also the prospect of establishing a 3rd Home at Medicine Hat - near the Blackfeet Indians. Some will give us large grants in aid towards these new Projects. but the Govt grants will not cover all. We want to raise about $2000 towards the building fund of each new Institution & about $1000 a year towards the maintenance of each. It is a great work. but Almighty God has helped us hitherto & I believe will still help us. I am just now busy with our Midst Examinations - so you will kindly excuse more. I will send you 7 copies of the January No of O.H.C. for distribution.

Yrs faithfully

E. F. Wilson

Wawanosh Home – Additional Rules –
July 12th 1888

1. No girl is allowed outside the Wawanosh Grounds without permission.
2. Permission may be given occasionally to parties of girls to go up the Norton road, but no girls are allowed down the road towards the Sault unless attended by one of the officers of the Institution. Not more than [illegible]
3. A party of girls going for a walk after tea outside is not to number more than six; a responsible girl is to be placed in charge of the party and to report immediately on their return.
   Any girl misbehaving when out for a walk will be punished and kept afterwards strictly within the grounds for as long a period as the authorities see fit.
5. On Sundays the girls that walk to church are all to keep in one compact body in charge of their Captain & some other responsible girl appointed by the Lady Supt.
6. The girls who walk to church are to start ½ an hour in advance of the Wawanosh waggon, so that they will be caught up just before reaching the Sault, and the waggon is to keep with them until they reach church.
7. The same rule is to be observed on returning from church, the walking girls to start ½ an hour ahead of the waggon.
8. The same rule is to be observed whenever a party of girls come up to the Sault or to the Shingwauk for a holiday

Edward F. Wilson
Principal.

July 13 8

My dear Lord

Last received yr letter of May 26th
Cobr 27th. I was away up in the N.W. when
it arrived & Mr Wilson sent it after me enclosed
in one of his — My friend to reached me & have
just been sent back —
I am sorry
I am here not met with more success in England
— Hope I suppose you & the Lords & feel to do much
with such an assurance as any of Colonial Bishops
present — I went at a pain to the Blackfeet
Country — it was indeed wonderful how God turned
the hearts of the Blackfeet from the Chief downward,
in our favor — Never was so reluctant Ch. to feel
Return back to the Lake of the Woods — & then I started
return to Norway via the Great Lakes — I did not
however by way of (on my way homeward) I
Spent the Sabbath at Elkhorn — place of Mr
Robinson (Son of Bishop Osnaburgh) in charge. Good
is trading as usual just now. $8000 for building
$4000 for equipment, $100 a head for 80 pupils at Elkhorn
& it seems quite likely that I shall get a similar grant
for a Mr. Institute — at Pembina [illegible]

Mrs Sullivan worked - & was glad to find that she is so much better again after her long illness. I would try & get down to Jackson Point as soon as I can find time - I am sorry the Indians would be left again without any [illegible] I had intended going to Red Rock - but heard from Priddy that he would [illegible] Brace and Mary from Stockbridge with the Old Mother - I am afraid it is useless to attempt to keep up the A. M. N. any longer - As you must have noticed the last few [illegible] almost entirely filled with matter that can never [illegible] the reason being as I may [illegible] that will come true - None of the promises made at the Savoy Council Conference have been attended to - & I am now forced to give it up - I shall give notice of resignation in the next number

Mrs S. letter on your desk dated Aug 31 - I hope you will have a pleasant [illegible]

Yrs. sincerely

S. F. Wilson

[illegible] can be continued again [illegible]

Feb 13th 8

Sec Marks &c

Dear Sir

Yours of the 2d inst just received.
In reply would say that it is contemplated
to open the school with a large number of pupils &
have also enrolled. I will undertake to defend
you in the case of any Indian children - at no cost
for this reason:

My own fixed opinion about Indian
children - that they should be as far from the Reserva-
as possible - in a White settlement rather than an Indian
Centre - The Indian child is pursued at the Schools
pupils by evil influences and evil associations
Isolation - Civilized work, civilized
Now once you get them into civilized settlements
the 20 years at the great advantage of being separate
from the tribal [illegible] and that is it
in a nutshell. An Institute where there are Indian
Reserves & Indians at High Prices. I shall be
very glad if you will kindly send me all the help you can in
getting an Institute at Elkhorn filled up - but I will not give
bribes - the Indians have to thank me not me them for taking their
children - this is a slow process - but it is the most satisfactory
in the end

Yours truly D. E. Wilson.

July 13 8

A. McKelvey Esq.

Dear Sir

Yrs of the 7th ins. inclosing $6 for Sol. Solomon received - they will be sent for Holidays.

Yrs also of the 7th ins. enclosing application for a duplicate of Land Warrant & the Wauseon Home received, $25 for same found - but support to be guaranteed by the Executive John A. Smith. The application & approval of the Pet. had better be sent up at once.

I have to inform you that Charles Masuck & Sol. Solomon have been behaving badly - have made application to have Certain of the Warrants filed recently in the Book. For the Home I have stopped them but before the Whole School & have to day expelled Chas. Masuck. I have also called a Pet. from the Wauseons.

I hope you will succeed in sending back Charlotte Knapp she has an excellent place - good pay - & kind Mistress - & has behaved badly in Town. Her promises delays every day long.

If you can do it please collect $2.50 for Chas. Masuck's Money Loan

Yrs faithfully

C. D. Wilson

Hall 03 8

Madam

Send by Mr Hall 85 lbs
of washed Wool -
70 lbs to be carded & spun ready for
Weaving -
15 lbs to be carded only ready for Weaving in
Hand Spinning.
Please return all as Speedily as possible
Yrs Truly
S. S. Wilson

Hall 03 8

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Yrs Truly
S. L. Wilson

July 11th 8

The Secretary instructed forward
Of Indian Affairs —
Sir
I have sold for furniture &
fixtures at the Wachakate House, Okelona,
Amounts to ——— $ 565.56
also. 8 colored blankets & 2 tents — 43-00
$ 608.56
Already drawn ——— 400-00
$208-56

I sell the vouchers shipped & pray forwarding me
the balance due of $208.56, also the $400
for additional Clerks already appointed &c.
I have the honor to be Sir
Your obedient Servant —
Edward L Dodson

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July 11th 8

William Crawford Esqr.
Dear Sir

I regret that I am unable to respond to your letter: Although nominally the Bishop's Commissary I know next of the present affairs of the Diocese further than I gather from the newspapers — & I told the Bishop I would decline to say any[thing] as to Bishop's representative — The Bishop I hear will be home in August — & I think the best course will be to await his arrival & address him personally —

Yours very truly
Edward L. Wilson

July 16th 8

The Manager Bank of Brit. N. America

Sir -

I enclose a draft (N: 6108) for £30.18.0, & wish to open an account with you. Please credit me & send pass book —

Yours truly

Edward L. Wilson

Cheque will be signed

Edward L. Wilson

July 17 8

My dear Mr Hale

I do not think I mentioned the cost of my journey in my last letter to you. The actual cost of my trip to visit the Parsees was $99.35, and I shall be glad if you can secure for me as good a proportion of that sum as you can from the Brit. Assoc. allowance. I expended about $50 further in visiting the Indian Reserves en route, but this is not included in the above.

I am considerably encouraged with work for now - so kind excuse more. Many thanks for your kind letter.

Yours sincerely

J. A. Wilson

July 18 8

The Rev. I. I. Cole has applied to me for a few unfinished words of recommendation. I can not say that for many years past the Rev. Mr. Cole has been a warm friend of mine & has often cheered & helped me in my arduous work. If he has not been as successful in his ministry as he would have wished, I can ascribe it only to his not being more careful & earnest. Conscientious. Devout in his spirit. I believe that it was the people not me to blame that he ministered. Rev. Mr. Cole is a man of pure heart & earnest in his ministerial work.

I trust that Mr. Cole may as speedily as possible be placed in charge of a mission where he can make himself most happy & useful.

Edward S. Wilson
Bishop's Commissary

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Edward F. Wilson
Bishop's Commissary

Dear Alpha

Jn 505 Col. 8

The Lt. Governor
of Indiana Territory
Sir

I have the honor to
acknowledge yours of the 13th inst (No 64 3 Cop)
& to inform you that I have forwarded a copy
of it to my friend Mr Jno. H. Rowell at Vincennes
with whom to make further enquiries about vacant
sections & half sections of land within reasonable
distance of our settlements - & to communicate
what you direct in regard to them so as to save
time - I shall be quite willing for my part to
concur in any arrangement that is satisfactory both to
the Department & to my co-trustee Mr Rowell -
I have the honor to be
Sir
Yr obedient servant
Edward D. Wilson

July 3 1863

My dear Mr Rosecrans

On back of this is copy of a letter just received from Head Dept.

I am very glad to say that I have forwarded copy of letter to you – & will leave it with you to arrange about crossing & bringing up Corps.

Of course it will be better if possible to cross a whole section. But if there are unexpected difficulties & you advise a ½ section I am prepared to concur.

I am glad to hear from Mrs. Robinson that she has a nice hospital & that they are getting on well

Have you yet got to Tullahoma?

Yrs very truly

A Lincoln

I have written in my letter to Head Dept

"I shall be quite willing for any part to cross & any arrangement that is satisfactory both to the Department & to my Co-Generals"

In matter of Lieutenancy Commissions spoken of. Mr Lincoln to write Mr Stanton that he will not insist upon the $400 a year

July 19 6

J. A. Markle Esq.

Dear Sir

Rev. Prof. Hart of Wooster has just written me thus — "One of our Ministers has written me informing me that he has been told by Mr Markle Indian Agent at Sidney, that you had written to him that you my consent to your taking as many children as possible from our Missions near Sandusky for your school at Elkhorn"

I am quite certain that I never said any thing to you in my letter to you that I have written to you — I think I wrote you a short note about June 29 Rev Hart just after I had seen Mr Hart — & mentioned in it that Mr Hart agreed with me that Protestant Missionaries did work together. He I believe is all that is said — I shall be very much obliged if you will kindly send me a copy of that part of my letter which refers to Mr Hart & to Mr Elkhorn school if you still have it by you.

On account of Mr McArthur's uncalled for opposition (almost approaching to rudeness) I told the Wyandott Indians that I did not ask them to send my children but if parents chose to send Mr Burgess would receive them.

Yrs faithfully J. H. Wilson

Feb 8

Revd J. Hunt M.A.

My dear Sir

Your letter of 12 Jan. just received - I am sorry that you did not find it convenient - that I did not have made such arrangements of the short & very pleasant talk I had with you in Winnipeg - I certainly would have written you or any one else's authority for taking pupils from the Boarding School Rev. Mr Ellerton - all I have been aiming at is to work smoothly & pleasantly with the Protestant Churches in the matter of Indian education - & it was for that reason as I stated to you that I visited you - In reply to Mr Mackay just after my visit to Winnipeg I mentioned that I had had an interview with you & that you agreed with me that the Protestant Churches should work together - I did not keep a copy of the letter but I am satisfied that that is all I said -

I may add that Mr McArthur seemed inclined to raise a decided opposition to any pupils going to Elkhorn from the Boarding School - or perhaps the Mr to take - I told the Indians there that I would not ask them again for their children - but would get pupils elsewhere.

Yours very faithfully

E. Watkins

July 8

Dr. Mr Rutherford

Dear Sir

I am to day sending you copy for A.M.S. for August. also printed slips shewing amount of subscription which please enclose with the papers.

Please make note not to print more that 750 copies of this issue. the subscribers being only 693. I shall endeavour to reduce the number before I can only pay for printing the number I dispose of each issue. While old issues may be more than about 10 above the number to be sent out Letter of A.M.S. will be ~~sent~~ ordered.

I am sorry had time to look over proofs yet am busy with exams. but will send you those either with this or in a day or two.

Yours truly

A. L. Wilson

July 18 8

Dear Mrs Robinson

Many thanks for yr letter. I am very glad that all is fair on the whole - & that you have got 3 new pupils - When you write again - please tell me their names ages.

Will you please - make an inventory in your book of all the furniture & articles now in use in the house - & please check over the outlaid bill & see that you have got credit for what has been charged twice.

Will Miss Pigot please write to Mrs Irvine at Lee Lane & ask him to bring some children with him when he comes.

Miss Pigot will be sorry to hear that Mary Peters is dead.

I hope your new cook Mrs Scott - will suit. You are quite at liberty to refuse any pupils that you think will not suit.

Yrs sincerely

C. L. Dickens

July 23d 8

D.W. W. Plummer
do. Ki

Please note —

1) Probitation Book —
12 bags (not onto) - returned — gave credit.
1 bl. C. old (11.46) July 9. was not had. Name we did have is charged 11.22 in Private acct - same date.
1 bus. Potatoes - were return. $1.25 Mr. Mckenzie says pay agrees & credit is the amt.
1 bl. Lime (1.50) June 22 not received - 1/4 were ordered - 1 of these bought first - then the bal. of 13.
$6 Shd be credited us on the lime acct - as I concluded Mrs Parkin & self if from you & $1.25 refunded.

2) Private acct.
July 9. 1 box cash - not ordered & not had -
" 1 bg salt ordered - & bag or bags sent.
Please explain item July 12 — 2.00.

3) Paulin & Plummer.
Please keep a separate pass book & send every week. Items on bill returned - May 1 & 3 not on my order book & know no recollection of — do cannot admit. A prior bill had been sent in for week ends May 31 - & said items shd have been on that bill. - cannot admit them now.

4) Please balance cash acct to date - give us credit for cash & above rebate. [illegible]

Scarth

Jas Wilson

L. C. Campbell Esq.
Dear Sir

If not too much trouble I will be obliged if you can kindly let me have a tracing of the lots we proposed to acquire for purposes of an Indian Institution at Medicine Hat.

I have received your letter of the 20th in which you mention the offer of two lots as a gift. & the lots at $50 a piece.

The Bishop of Rupertsland will shortly arrive North back from England & I would wish to consult with him before deciding on the acceptance of your terms.

Yours faithfully
J. L. Wilson

July 26 8

A. J. Heady Esq.
Dear Sir

Very many thanks for your kind letter of the 18th replying to mine to Capt. Peel - I cannot quite decide as yet about my proposed trip. Much as I wd like to take it I fear the expense is for me a hindrance - I shall hope however if possible to pay Carlisle & perhaps Hamilton a visit sometime in the Fall - so that we may have a chat & talk over. Revd W. Burman also has been visiting you is now here on his way westward. It is the first time he has visited our Institution. He seems to have thoroughly enjoyed his visit to Carlisle.

I am glad you enjoyed yr visit to England - & thank you very much for speaking about our work.

I left York July 1st from a 3000 mile trip to the Blackpool coast. One of my 2 Blackpool boys died - the 2nd I took home. No harm was done. The Lord Chief Constable received me very cordially - said he was not to blame for the death of the boy - that I had me 2 more boys. I did not however bring any. We have opened our Institution at Whitehaven in a small way. Still have larger buildings near you

Yrs ever

J. H. Wilson

July 30th 64

John Matthews Esqr.

Dear Sir

I hope you will not mind a little temporary change that I have made — Having heard your youngest niece Josephine to our new Home at Elkhorn, Manitoba. I wanted to send two boys & two girls from here as a nucleus to make a beginning, — I had already sent on the two boys & was about to send two girls — but one was prevented from going by the Indian parent — I should have written to you first about it, but there was no time — The Rev. Mr Bowman who lives near Elkhorn came to pay us a couple of days visit on his way west — & it seemed just the opportunity — & Bella thought you would not mind Josephine going — So we sent the two little girls off — to stop on the Big Marsh Beckon. The two are just married & will get on well together — & I have a very nice lady — Mrs. Robinson in charge of the Institution.

All your children have gone off temperately — & will come back here in the Spring. & indeed if you wish it we could get Josephine back sooner.

Yours sincerely —

R. J. Wilson

Josie was delighted at the idea of going.

Jno 30th 1880

Lt Lieut Jennings
Supt Indian Affairs.
Sir

I have rec'd your letter (No. 14314)
of the 23rd inst.

I have now sent 2 boys & 2 girls from here to the Elkton Institute as proposed, and the cost of same so far has been $49.26 which is $3.22 less than the sum I asked for - $52.48.

I therefore return you the amount of $3.22 unexpended balance as directed in your letter.

The boy "Wasi" whom I mentioned in my letter of June 23rd (if remained one day at the Elkton Home & then went to his home at the Birdtail Reserve, so I have not charged the Department with that boy's expenses.

Those charged for above are Thomas Cromarty, Alex. Beeswax, Marion Beeswax, Josephine Matthews.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
Edward R. Wilson

Augusta 22 1

My dear Mr Cole

I am exceedingly sorry that Mr Cole & family should be put to so much trouble & inconvenience & sincerely hope that Mr Cole may soon succeed in obtaining rooms that will suit him.

I am afraid I cannot help you at all in obtaining any situation - Our Mr, in connection with the House, are all filled - & I am not in the way, I know, about other establishments. If a kind word can at any time do any good I will certainly do what I can - In the mean time I hope you will not be afraid of my enclosing a Cheque to assist in such present necessities - I am sure it would a great expense to you all - Mrs C. has so long visited a friend.

Yrs sincerely
C L Wilson

Edmo 2d

S. Parkonshurst Esq.

Dear Sir.

I am sending you a letter (the 2d I have received) from James Edward Ashpitchkia the Blackfoot boy whom I returned to his home the Spring. It is a little difficult deciphering - but I think it says a good deal both for the intelligence of the boy & also for his attachment to our Shinpawnk Home.

I have put a small line between each sentence as he said you might make the letter out & have added one or two explanatory notes. Kindly return it when done with.

I am exceedingly anxious to see us work among the Blackfoot Indians. I believe that an Institution established in their neighborhood will, in a little time, have better results than many Stations which have been planted under seemingly more favorable circumstances.

We are a little disappointed at present about getting pupils into the Okalona School. There was a little opposition by the Presbyterian Minister to the Bird tail Indians. He has given the Indians the idea that there will be another Institution shortly at Biville & that he tried them from sending children to me. Mr. Hawkins is known at work & expects soon to put in pupils kindly filled up.

Yours very faithfully S. R. Wilson

Aug 2d 1869

A. G. Markle Esq:

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 28th ult, enclosing copy of that I said to you in my letter of June 29. received many thanks for both the favorable. I have sent the copy on to Prof. Hart.

It is rather disappointing that we are not able to get the children to the Oklahoma Home - but I have had experience with Indians to know the reasons for patience. & I don't see we can all I can do is work on as for a little.

I have just sent 2 girls from our Wawanosh Home to Oklahoma - both of last have paid me themselves expenses of the journey from here so as to make a start. The girls are both half breeds. I do not endeavor any of the Indian parents to let me remove their children.

I thank you much for the kind interest you take in our Home & for the endeavors you are making to get the children in. Rev. W. A. Norman has just been here & is now on his way home. I daresay he will endeavor some of the Cape Croker children to go.

The Blackfoot boy we had I think succeeding a good influence over most among his people - He has written home twice in a pleasant way. "Sabbath pupils" pay back to their homes - is the only way I believe to make an institution popular.

Yr faithful [illegible] Wilson.

Aug 22 8

Revd Prof. Hart -

Dear Sir

I enclose you a copy of that part of my letter to Mr. Markle to which you referred in a letter to me a short time ago. & which I have just got from Mr. Markle. I was hastily when I wrote them so could not copy the letter.

Any such action as you mentioned is particularly repugnant to me - as I always try to act openly & straightforward with every one -

Yrs faithfully

L. H. Nelson

Aug. 3 8

Revd. A. J. Young

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of the 23rd ult. I certainly was not aware that Mr. Sanders was transgressing any rules in building the Church of which he wrote me some little while since. As it is so near the time now for the Bishop's return & as he purposes visiting Muskoka within the next week or so I think I had better leave the matter with him & you can report this Conference or his arrival

Yrs faithfully

J. L. Wilson

Augst 2d 8

Mrs S. S. Mansfield

Dear Madam

Your letter of the 27th ult received. I regret that I can give you little information as to the wants of the White Settlers in the Diocese. My time is more than occupied from morning to night with my Indian Homes & in vain attempts to raise money sufficient for carrying them on.

If disposed to do anything towards helping my Indian work I shall be glad to furnish you all particulars. & we shall be glad of all the clothing you can possibly send us & more besides.

But if it is your wish to make your gifts to the White Settlers the Bishop will be able to tell you on his return, which will be in a week or two.

Yours faithfully

S. H. Wilson

August 3rd 8

The Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs
Sir

Your letter of the 30th ult.
(No 6434) refering to mine of the 14th ult. is this day
received. I regret that I was not informed
earlier that the Department wd require copies of all
accounts in detail as in that case I would have
required duplicate accounts from all with whom I
have been dealing & have sent the duplicates to the
Department at the same time with my requisitions -
as it is - single handed - with no assistant - or
accountant - & everything resting on myself it is quite
impossible for me to undertake copying all my
accounts, indeed I have more to do than I can
possibly attend to without some assistance.

The amount expended thus far on furniture & fitting
at the Elkhorn House is as follows: -

Geo. H. Rowswells' acct - furniture &c -	611 - 85	
Extra locks &c - (account endorsed) -	2 - 80	
Shelving & pictures -	19 - 25	
	633 . 90	
School desks (letter endorsed) —	43 . 00	
	$676 . 90	

In my letter of July 14th. I mentioned the sum of $408.50 as about expended on Furniture & fittings. This I now correct to date to $676.20. $400 was received from the Department on this account early in June. The balance due me will be paid to receive as soon as the Department has been examined the Vouchers in $276.20.

Herewith enclose Vouchers for items $2.70 and $43.75.

Mr. Roswells bill for $60.75 sent to Miss Robeins the Lady Supt. at Elkhorn, July 18, for her to check over, & return to me. The account $15.25 is also at present at Elkhorn. I will send for the mail for these two accounts to be forwarded to the Department, & shall be obliged if them being returned to me as soon as done with.

I hope the Department will kindly take into consideration the extreme difficulty of my present position in having all this extra work connected with the Elkhorn Institution brought upon me & yet no facility afforded me for employing an Assistant Superintendent or accountant here at the Rossfawn. I am willing and desirous to undertake the Superintendence of my Homes here, the Elkhorn Home & also one, if established, at Medicine Hat, & I believe there will be advantages in having 3 Homes at distant points one from the other all working together under one Superintendency

but the Department will I trust see that it is simply a physical impossibility to undertake all this work unless means are afforded me to employ a reliable man at each of the three points who will be capable of managing everything during my absence. It is also I feel most important that I should at once have a reliable assistant to help me with the accounts in my Office here.

For many years past, as the Deputy Superintendent is aware, I have been applying for an increased grant towards the support of my Homes here. Our accounts have shewn a ~~grant~~ deficit for several years past. The assistant Supt. Rowe I employed for a short time I had to dismiss last October, for lack of funds. I have also had to reduce our pupils from 80 to 65 although we have accommodation for 86. Our annual expenditure is between $9000 and $10.000 but the grant from the Department is only $2400. I believe no other Institution for Indians in Canada has done as much as we have in proportion to the Government grant. If the Department would accede to my oft repeated request to support a larger number of boys than the present 50 at $60 each, & a larger number of girls than the present 15 at $40 each, I could then, with the help I receive from other quarters, increase my staff & get the help I need, - but this is a matter that requires immediate attention. Otherwise it is simply impossible for me to fill the Department's requirements.

I remain Sir Your obedient Servant -

Edward F. Wilson

Augt 4th 8

W. Inc. Rutherford
Dear Sir

In reply to yr recent Communication.

1) I cant account for yr books Nov. 807 & Mrs. subscriber raises only 693. I have no way of tracing it up. No list of new names & names to strike off are sent to you each month & we keep no copy. You will see that the figures on each list you get correspond with the last list you received. The number of subscribers is carried forward from month to month.

2) You should always print about 50 in excess of what is needed - list of Amer. & O.C. - Then you will always have a few spare copies on hand of each month.

3) I cant account for A. Hunt & Jos. Sampson not being on yr address list. As the amts are small their reminders can wait till next time. The addresses are A. Hunt, Fox Bay, Pei; Jos Sampson, 201 Grand Allée, Quebec.

4) I sent you a card yesterday sir; I thought it wd be well to revise our mail lists.

5) I like to Sample Mr any - much. Want more copies. There was no cover that would run. Some cut of oceanic cables put in as Christmas No instead of the one I ordered - neat in wrapper.

6) Many thanks for the Arizona Circular Jos - Have no time yet to read it. But will try soon. Yrs truly C. H. Wilson

Aug. 4th 8

Dear Mr. Roswell -

1) The Sec. Department has just written me requiring accounts in detail before making any further remittance. I am account for $611.25 I sent July 14th to Miss Robinson for her to check over & make an inventory of cups & &c Washakada. Will you please get it from her & forward either it or a copy of it direct to the Department. Item $1.25 for shelves & fill'g I think you did not give me a receipt for - I think you kept the bill if I remember right & got Broadley's receipt. Please send also this - a copy of it to the Department. The Stin account I have here & will send direct. In future I must ask you to furnish me accounts in duplicate for any thing done in the way of building or furnishing - so that I can send one copy to the Dept when making requisition.

2) The Dept still has to hand instructions under consideration & I presume will not send me the $400 for lots till they come to a decision.

3) Yours of the 27th ult. just received. in which you say you have written Mr. Vankampen recommending See 35. 11. 29 - must leave this with you & decide as you think best.

4) Archie leaves here for Elkton next Thursday the 9th.

5) I am sorry Art to remain away. Mr Markle writes me he has heard that the parents are angry with their children for leave & he hopes we shall get them back - He will also do all he can to get in the pupils.

6) MacArthur has quite not decided between Prof. Hart of Winnipeg & Rich. I have written to counsel.

7) I have sent up 2 helpless girls - Marion Bacon & Josephine Matthews from the Waswanipi. Indians did not let their children go - as had to send for them. They ought to have reached you last Tuesday.

8) Archie has petitioned for his little sister Flossie to go back with him - to stay the winter with Miss Robertson. She is a companionable child & as miss Miss R. will be glad of her society.

I hope Archie will get on well with you on his return - I shall speak to him about the end: are in the morning he came to put it to Savings Bank.

This is a driving life - as I daresay you feel - but do not overdrive - To gain friends & to make them happy should be as much our object in life I think as to acquire wealth.

Yrs sincerely
J. H. Wilson

Miss Robertson will send us her maintenance account for quarter ending Feb 28 - I hope Dr can manage it. & I want date when Mrs Scott was engaged.

August 4th 8

My dear James

I was very glad when I got your letter. I read your letter to all the boys in the School room. They like to hear your letter very much. I hope God will help you all the time. I hope you try to follow Jesus every day. David has gone away & will soon begin to teach a school. Johnny also has gone away. I hope by and by he will be a minister.

I am sorry your brother says you can not come again to Shingwauk. All the boys want you to come back here. Did you get the book I sent you. The book was a prize for being the best boy to work. Mr McKenzie said you were the best boy to work so you must have it.

I am glad that you love me and that Saysegin loves me. I often think about my Blackfeet friends, and I like to hear about them. Perhaps I will build another School at Medicine Hat. That is near where you live. If I build a school at Medicine Hat I think plenty of Blackfeet boys will come to School here.

I am your friend who loves you
Nahusi Asamie.

to James Chief or Wiawa fr. Kin. to the n.
a Blackfoot boy can write and English.

Augst 6th 1

Dear Bessie

If your brick layer could arrive just now he would find abundance of work here at Sault Ste Marie. A brick yard was started here a week or so ago & every one seems now to be building brick houses. Now, what is called a "boom" just now, so Not Workmen are in great demand. I Hold that this will be as good a place to come to as any in Canada. Within the last few months 3 railways have reached us - 2 from the States & one from Canada. Before that we were 70 miles away from a railway station -

It is very good of you to Continue your interest in our work - I hope Lois keeps you supplied with Annual Reports, "Our Forest Children", "Summer numbers" &c.

I have immense deal on hand just now - & always all the time cramped for funds - Work is rather worrying - but the work is for God - & we must labor on & spend & be spent - I might point out & try to interest but know not how to get away - so much is dependent on me all the time.

We shall be most thankful for Clothing -

With best love

Edward F. Wilson

Aug 2 1847

A. H. Campbell Esq.

Dear Sir

A collection for "our Indian Homes" amounting to £18 or £19 was taken up at Parry Sound in August last - but has never as far as I am aware reached me. Can you kindly tell me if it passed through your hands - & if so to whom it was remitted -

Yours faithfully

S. J. Wilson

Augst 6th 8

Dear Wait

I have just received your letter. I was sorry that you & Ben went away home instead of staying to do the fence. I made you a fair offer as you know. Both Mr Roosevelt & Mr Bradley said it was too much. I think boys who have been educated at the Shinnecock ought to be willing to work for me more cheaply than for other people and to try to pay back a little what has been done for them. I think the Indians are a very ungrateful people, they always want to get all they can & to give back nothing.

Well I do not wish to be angry with you, but I do not think you treated me well, as I have always tried the kind to you & to help you all I can.

I send you now the order for books for $8.50 which I promised you. Write to me again when you get it.

Your freind
S. L. Wilson

Remember me kindly to Mr Burgess & tell him I have been expecting to get a letter from him.

Augst 7th 8

Dear Mrs Robinson

We are sending up my little pet Flossie. as we think you will like to have her for a little companion this winter - & she will like to be near her besties. She will do lessons with the Miss Pet. - & I daresay can help you a little sometimes - tend: the new comers -

I am sending you the Examination book & papers - & you will find in it a lesson list of subjects to prepare for the first Examin: Oct 29 & 31. It is exactly the same as we have at the Shrubwalk & Wavanock.

Unless some outsider can be found to conduct the Examin: it will be best for you to do it yourself - following the direction - & enter the marks gained against each pupil's name.

I think on Flossie's arrival it will be well to give all your pupils about 3 weeks holiday (ie from School work) & begin again regular School the same day that we do here Sept 6th.

I am sorry you have had trouble with pupils running away. You have not yet given me the names & ages of those who came to you. I would like to be kept fully informed of all pupils who enter the Home - date of their arrival & date of leaving if they do not stay.

I am expecting your Maintenance &c for month ending July 30th

Yours sincerely C. F. Wilson.

Augst 8th 8

A. McKelvey Esq:

Dear Sir

Albert Salyer has been to see the doctor. He says his lungs are quite sound but that he is suffering from acute dyspepsia. He has ordered him a milk diet for a time & is giving him medicine. I expect he will be all right after a little.

I want to know about David Corbyn. I understand the Civil service exam. is not until Nov., & I expect to take him back till then. & I understood he wished to come here. It will be better for him to be here & keep on quietly with his studies until the exam. If he wants a ticket for the boat I will send him one.

Please let me know at once if there are any new pupils likely to come. Some of those who went home said they had written a sister of theirs who would like to come. I do not like to have children thrust upon me when I did not agree to take them. Vacancies should be filled & sent for my approval first - not as has sometimes been the case - after a child gets here. I know it is difficult to control this sort of thing with Indians - still you can let them know.

As soon as you wish I can pay the balance due you on Amos & Charles acct - after deducting for those who have not yet paid in full for this passage -

Yours truly S. H. Wilson -

Pupils should come back here
by Friend boat Left 10th.

Emeait Altmans - (may remain longer if not well)
Joe Sampson - must come on time
Isaac Sampson -
Edward William -
John Solomon -
Albert Randee
Nancy Warner
William Riley -

Jane also visited -
Henry Jacobs -
Gracie Jacobs -
Charlie Jacobs - (Andrew asked me last year)
Son & daughter of John Adams -
Nancy Henry -
Jane Simpson -

August 8

Mr. August Bessac

Dear friend

I was just about writing to you to tell you that we had sent Marion up to Elkton to join his sister Alice at the Washakada Home and the little girl named Josephine went with her & they both sent away last week. The Revd Mr. Burman who teaches the Sioux Indians near there took charge of them. They were both very anxious to go. I expect they will all come back here again about next June. as it is only just for start the School that we want them up there. It is very hard to get those wild Indians to send any of their children.

As you say I may keep the $2 I will do so & will put it to the funds of the Home as a donation from yourself.

I am afraid I can hardly take Janie this year - as we have already too many little girls. If there are any boys & girls 12 & 13 years of age wishing to come please let me know. Paul Kalfens said he had a young brother he would like to [illegible] with him

Give my love to Ned & ask him to write to me.

Yr friend
S. L. Wilson

Aug 2 11 [illegible]

Toronto Lunacy Co.

Sirs

I am send you more Specimens to be engraved viz:-

1. An Indian Brave
2. Blackfoot Indian - 'Old Bress'
3. Sarcee Chief - 'Bull's head'.
4. Shiswauk Home from the water -
5. McKay's Indian Institution
6. Indian pony.

I shall be obliged by your getting them done for me as soon as convenient & sending them as before to Mr Jno. Rutherford, Owen Sound.

Yrs truly

Edward L. Wilson

Augst 10, 8

Revd Cavm Mackridge

Dear Sir

I regret that you have not yet received a Summons No 9 D.C. &c I certainly ordered one to be sent to you - I am sending you a copy by this mail -

It is a little difficult to start our Institute at Elkhorn - especially as I cannot be there myself personally. We have had about as many "runnings away" as arrivals of new pupils thus far. Our Institute is a new thing to these wild Indians & they cannot bear its restraint. The Indian agent at these Missions promises me to get all our required number - & he is beating up pupils for me on the different Reserves. There is no lack of material - the only difficulty at present is to persuade the children to come. Whether or not it is well to allude to these difficulties in the Church Magazine I leave with yourself. Do as you think best. I took 4 pupils from our Homes here this fall - & they all came on Saturday & gave no trouble. The accounts are rather amusing of these tame ones chasing the wild ones up to Fort Ellice when they run away -

Yr friend S. H. Wilson -

Augst 10 1

My dear Lord

I am sorry that I have not any good news to welcome you on yr arrival back from England -

I enclose you Mr Osborne's letter - It seems to me an extraordinary Post notice for a Clergyman of mine - I wrote to him that you wd be in Muskoka - & probably see him personally -

Mr Beers' letter (too long pending) is dated Augst 3 - He says, "I will be glad if I can be permitted to resign by the middle of October; - a parish has been offered me which falls vacant about that time" -

It seems as if all these Clergy leaving - & I do not know that success you have had in getting recruits in England - All the Canadian Dioceses seem short of clergy -

We saw Mrs Sullivan yesterday on the American side - She kindly sent over with Neal two Archie & Flossie off - Archie has gone back to work after 6 weeks holiday - & Flossie has gone to stay with Mrs Robinson at the Muskoka House - Lea Wilson has at my request been holding services every Sunday at Garden River - expenses of trip being charged to Mr Campbell -

Yr Affectionate Edward Toronto

Augt 10 8

My dear Lord.

I am not even how soon you are likely to be back from England -

I have had a communication with Mr W. B. Scarth of Winnipeg in respect to land at Medicine Hat for an Indian Institution. The site I selected in person seems to me a good one - a little up on the hill adjoining the Church Lot - Mr Scarth offers me two lots free - & any other lots we require at $50 a piece. I think it ought to be a little better than this for us. We should require quite a dozen lots - for the necessary buildings gardens &c.

I have $800 on hand balance due from the Elkhorn Buildg Fund - which is available towards the start at the site. Mr Pankhurst has written me informally that I shall probably receive a good grant for the Medicine Hat House as I received for the Elkhorn one. Do you advise my securing the site at once - or wait till next Spring? I shall be glad also to have from you in reply to my letter of June 11th when you have time - before taking any further step -

I remain my dear Lord.

Yrs very faithfully

E. A. Wilson

If you are at Medicine Hat, Mr Lyon & Mr Mitchell can point out to you the site.

Algoma

The Editor of the Dominion Churchman

Sir

I have just seen a letter in your issue of the 9th. signed N. There seems to me somethg very painful in the character of several letters which have appeared lately in yr. columns in connection wth the Algoma Diocese. That there is considerable depression resting on the Diocese just now I believe cannot be denied. For some reason or other the clergy seem to be leaving one after another, some going to the States others to the Canadian Dioceses. There are already a number of vacancies & the number I am sorry to say is at present increasing. I am sorry that the Bishop should be returning from England to find his diocese in such an unsatisfactory state, - I fear too that he has not been very successful in raising funds while away, there being so many other Bishops at present in England all more or less in need of help for their own dioceses. Our funds also, in the hands of the Treasurer, we are told, are in an unsatisfactory state, but there has been no public statement of our financial position since the last Provincial Synod so that the real state of affairs is known only to the Bishop & his treasurer; we have been told however that there may be a necessity to reduce stipends. This

with all these drawbacks & all these sources of discouragement surely it is not for us to withdraw our hand from the plow. After all it is not the money that we ought to think about or the pay that we are to get for our labors; (that should trouble us) — the best of us are but unprofitable servants receiving far more for our paltry work in the Lord's vineyard than we deserve. If we may get souls for our hire, — if any of us may be the means of raising the fallen, helping the distressed, pointing the sinner to Christ, — surely this in itself is reward enough, — and as to any danger of our being in want — has not David said, "I have been young and now am old and yet saw I never the righteous forsaken or his seed begging for bread". I have found his promise true during the 20 years of my own ministry, — without ever seeking riches or taking any means to increase my worldly resources — God I have always found has provided for me, — "the barrel of meal has not wasted, neither has the cruse of oil failed". Let us then encourage our Bishop at this critical period, — let those of his clergy who remain stand by him bravely and support him. And those outside the Diocese to whom we look for pecuniary aid let me say — do not speak of giving over this Missionary Diocese — this child of the Canadian Church — for whose dear sake one loved and revered bishop has already laid down his life. There can be no good reason for giving over this great & important work. If the interest in the Diocese has lessened the fault is at our own doors. It is our fault & your fault. Our fault that we have not been more earnest in working, that we have been thinking of the ways & means rather than of the work; — your fault that selfishness & want of faith have hindered your giving as cheerfully and liberally as God would have you give. I trust the few words I have written will be accepted in the spirit in which they are intended.

Yours &c
EDWARD F. WILSON.

Augst 03 8

Revd & Dr. Alman

Dear Sir

I am may, Thanks for same
rec'd letter - enclosure of $8.32 for one Volume
from Sunday School Library -

I shall be very thankful if you can manage to
stir up a little fresh interest in our work among the
Sunday Schools of Nova Scotia - & shall gladly furnish
you with any amount of our publications - reports -
'Our Dear Children' &c. - I think after a Sunday School
is 'taken hold' - it is best to set aside a
certain amount as subscription to 'Our Dear Children' in
addition to what they contribute towards support of
our work - as it comes very expensive to send a
large number of paper gratis - but I am glad to furnish
any number you wish of Specimen Copies - & can also
if you wish send you some Photographs to Rich by you &
show them as to what is done in our work - We
also send you 10 copies of D.C. every month -

Yours sincerely

S. D. Rich

Aug 16th 8

Wm Hes Rutherford

Dear Sir

I shall not trouble Mr Adam. both. at present as it is doubtful if we return to A.N.W.

I am here carefully through the O&C address book & find several errors viz. to Mrs Adam is to Bishop of Toronto 100 Copies - supply I have had 50 & Augusta. Total on letters amount to 156 - you will find them entered in pencil -

Total Numbers now

Less —	Subscribers	880
	Free List	680
To Rickall - (pac)	Mrs H. Richardson 116 Park Road Newcastle on Tyne	20
		1502
Mr Wilson & Reserve		118
	Print -	1700

Yrs truly C. H. Wilson

Can you kindly give me address of a man opposite side of the road from you from whom I can borrow Lamp & the Count.

Dear Mr. Ross.

I return you Manitowaning ... #0 - as we have no Lumberers of any kind. Can we send you a Boy - Some book if you will - but there are Lumberers at Thessalon Point Iroquois from England - as well as Freight from here -

We have sent on 2 M.R. books as enclosed for Collins Mr. Phillips per Capt. Reid. Capt. Reid will probably leave ...

Yours truly
S. J. Wilson

W. B. Tindall Esq.
Sarnia

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to enclose statement of your Land Grant for 30 Acres Lot - in Mersea as called for by you August 5th C.W.

Mr Campbell writes me - post card - "I find no trace of the amount you name for Indian Wares. They had a Call that month for W. & C.W. - Better write Mr Spoiler about it"

D. W. Campbell

Will you kindly write Mr Campbell.

Yours sincerely
Edward S. Wilson

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My dear Aunt —

I am sure I have to ask your pardon for so long neglecting myself in not writing — I am by the mail send you a small sized packet of Cape Town children's, Christmas Numbers, & Sunday Numbers for distribution — Circumstances I shall always take great interest in my Indian work — often cheer me with their letters — We have already started a new Indian Mission in Matabeleland — & I hope, if God will, to have it quite established before Christmas that near the Rocky Mountains. Sergeant is delighted with his & likes all — but we cannot expect his assistance unless he shows a little energy & earnestness in the work ourselves — There is great danger of the Roman Catholics getting all the Indians if we do not exert ourselves & prevent it — Not a penny of the Bishop's help I am aiming at — I want two Protestant Bishops for Indian Christians & all are to work well — & I send for all Protestants to work together — Pray for the Christian Church in its fight with the Puseyism & the Methodists —

Let me know what you are doing — Photographs &c & I will send some —

Your affectionate nephew

Edward C. Wilson

Augst 16 8

The Superintendent of
Indian Affairs
Sir

I am disappointed & to
delay in connection with the establishment of the Indian
Institutions at Detroit. I should have
much conceived the intention of the Department in your
letter to me of May 2d Cor. No 32. 1825.
I understood by that letter that after the 1st of July
$8000 would be available for building purposes and
$4000 for purposes of repairs &c &c.
In that letter the words are used - "the establishments
which you propose to erect", and all that was required
of me was to furnish plans & specifications of the proposed
buildings & the Department - & to state what proportion of
the expense of maintenance & tuition yourself & friends
would be likely to contribute.
I understood by that letter that the Institutions were to be
built by & controlled by myself subject only to the
conditions mentioned in your letter. I expected also
that funds would be available as stated.
If funds had been available as I expected - our land

on Nick to build as to be erected - would have been already paid for and as far as practicable fenced in - The Laundry building of Nick I furnish plans & specification would be approved completed - & the Central building of Nick plans & specifications have also been furnished would have been started & well under weigh by this time & roofed & close it in before winter, leaving the plastering till next Spring.

As it is - 6 weeks have already passed - & all is lazily done. I asked Mr Rowsell to send the estimate for the Laundry building direct to the Department in order to save delay, but have heard nothing of its acceptance & approval.

The building season as to Department must be over in a short & then will be scarcely time nor best time buildings are undertaken & commenced at once.

I think if the Department requires as I gather from your letter of 31st July (64.3in), for every little matter of detail to be brought before the Department & approved before the money is available, it will be better if the Department will undertake the whole responsibility of building & of repairs as it seems to me the present plan is causing unnecessary delay.

I am quite willing to furnish all the details required by the Department - but am unable & averse to work unless funds are available.

If the Department has not confidence in me to build

respect the Institution at Okla - & I would prefer to be relieved of the responsibility of the portion of the work - & undertake only the management & Maintenance

Agent - If the Department requires me the Superintendent present at Oklon - to personally the erection of the buildings - then must means be afforded me to employ a responsible local Superintendent here at the Agency

I trust the Department will see the reasonableness of what I have said - I am very thankful to the Department for their liberal grant to the Okla - school, but would like to know whether or not I am to undertake the buildings & Equipment myself - as if so I cannot undertake it unless funds are placed to understand in yr letter of May 2d are available as wanted

I have to honor the Sir
Yr Obedient Servant

Edward E. Wilson

Hon. W. McLaughlin Com.
Dear Sir:

I have received no response as yet to my letter of July 13th - I shall be obliged if you will kindly send your Check for $12 as promised -

Yr Ob't

E. E. Wilson

Augst 16 /

My dear Mr Hawkins

In pursuance of my promise I take my pen in the State House Hall. I am very anxious to accomplish it if possible: & would like to take Mr Wilson's opinion on the way. I may say that we have $300 a year which we would like to employ in this way. Otherwise the Institution would deter us from even thinking of it.

I take great interest as you know in the Indians. Of late years or two there has been a good deal of attention to the various Indian Languages & dialects. I am anxious to visit some of the Southern tribes - to study their habits - examine a little into their languages - & above all make acquaintance with Missionaries, principally of the Methodist & Indian Agents - with whom I may afterwards correspond - & get more information from time to time.

Now I do not like to start on such a long excursion but as this artist first have some idea of where I am going to - & what points it will suit best for me to stop.

To give a general sketch of my proposed route - I should like to make Carlisle my first point - get letters of introduction from Capt Pratt, General Dr Jones &

ofcers - & heads of the Institutions &c - Then I would like to visit Hodgeton & get Mrs Collins from Mr Collins & Major Powell - then probably Hampton - Then I want to strike west - I suppose Hays Charleston & Indianapolis to St Louis - take in the Grounds in the Ohio Valley if possible - From St Louis I would like to go S. Indian Territory & visit the Choctaws &c - I see no trains run, west from Indian Territory - so suppose we have to come north & take the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway in order to get to Santa Fe & visit the Pueblos & Zunis. My next point would be Denver, in Colorado, where my Cousin Dean Hart lives; then from Denver - my next point will be St Paul, in Minnesota, & I would like to take in the Yosemite Valley & take as many Indian Reservations as possible on my way - From St Paul then I must ask how.

Now I am afraid I am giving you a great deal of trouble - but have thus sketched out my route - will yourself & Mrs Fiske kindly look it over & think - & let me know how it will suit - What Indians - & Indian schools I ought take in - & give me a few names of parties on the route & how I could write & see - tell of my intended visit - & meeting your friends. I could not start earlier than Oct 15. Do you think my wife being with me would be any hindrance & my getting accommodation for myself & Indian schools &c &c &c

Aug 22 8

Hon. Cort Van
Dear Sir

I am contemplating a visit through the States accompanied by my wife to some of the principal Indian centres - & know not but Gen. Ashley might be able to put me in the best route to take - & of the probable expense. I see you advertise excursions in the States as well as in Europe so perhaps you can facilitate me. I would like if possible if many in advance & purchase Coupon tickets for the round trip - & come by the Delaware & river boats. I propose start about Oct 15th.
The route I wish to take (in the rough) is as follows. From here by train to Ottawa - thence to Kingston - Cross to St Lawrence - & take Railway the most direct route to Carlisle (Indian School) near Harrisburg, Penn. Thence to Washington & Hampton (Indian School) in Virginia. Then west to St Louis - visiting what I do through Charleston & Cincinatti. Would like to visit the "Mounds" in the Ohio Valley - & if possible go by boat on the Ohio River instead of by train. Hence I wish to visit Indian Territory - (the roughest & most accessible part) Hence - through El Paso to Santa Fe - as far West as Winslow & visit Ancient Indian ruins - Then retrace steps - & so northward to

Denver - Via Kansas City, Omaha, Yankton, & Glendive
& St Paul. Also by the Rocky Mount Line Lower
& Sault de Marie.

Kindly tell me what a first ticket for such a
journey as this could be procured

(2) What as a Clergyman kindly for Missionary purposes
I could get reduced fare.

(3) If so - to whom I must apply.

(4) Let me know if you can what the Chief lines
& most feasible as far East as Charleston - & what boats
run all winter. Also what the Arkansas River
& Indian Territory is navigable & what Missouri boats run all winter.

I must ask a fatherly letter in reply to this.
If you can kindly arrange to take for me - I will
send further details as they arise. Faithfully

Yr faithful
Edward O. Wilson

Aug 23 8

My dear Miss Robinson

I received your letter of Nov 16th last night & read it with a great deal of interest. I am so glad that you are not entirely discouraged about the school. It has been my hope for you that, as long as what pattern in any more pupils & those that did come have run away & spread false reports. But I feel sure the school will yet be a success. Any thing that draws us to our knees in prayer is good. & we must not count on success in the same way as people look for worldly success. So long as we try earnestly to do our duty, look above for guidance & support & count ourselves unprofitable servants. we may rest content that the work is progressing in God's way. I am so glad that you have such good friends as Mrs Polston & Miss Norman. & it is my kind of Mr Polston to take the bible class. Please tell them how much I thank them for their kindness & that I depend for success more on the prayers of God's people there or anywhere else. The unwillingness of the Indians to send their children is sadly significant of their heart & we must bear gently with them. But why when we get the children voluntarily some of them as I believe we shall - it will be far more satisfactory - than if we had bribed them to come like the R.C.s do. I have

Dear Father, from last year's Miss Hosmer's letter to Aunt of mine I do is a sickness - & has lately begun to take great interest in my work. It will be a great thing if we can get the Friends to help us. They are so kind & patient & have always been such good friends to the Indians. I have received your account for the month amounting to $67.93 You must please explain to me that the $4.39 in your account is -

Mr Cromwell's acct ended June 30 - pay $52.09
Mrs Hosmer " Mrs Lewis " 30 4.30
Cash for meat " 1.05
57.44
Acct to January 1st - 10
47.44

I sent you $45.00 which I thought paid in full for June - Please send me a separate bill of the $4.39 & explain what it is. Mother will attend to it.

I herewith send you Agent's accounts, as follows:

Wages of Assistant -	11.25	
Board acct	22.62	
Boots -	25	31.12
Laundry acct		3.80
Fuel -		3.50
Furniture & house expenses -		22.12
		63.54
Bal. June acct.		4.39
		67.93

Please pay as much as you can & keep the bills under the different heads. Especially keep the board account separate. I think you have been very moderate indeed, a little too moderate with the board - but can't you [illegible] too much on house expenses. I hope you have now got pretty well started in the way so will not have much more to do. I am very pressed for funds still now so can not enclose $10 on account.

Yrs Devotedly S. F. Wilson

I cannot always pay the account in full each month - but will settle in full as soon as I can.

Aug 28th 8

My dear Nancy

I have just received your letter from you. I am always glad to get letters from my boys & to know that they do not forget me. I love my Indian boys & want them always to love me. I am sorry that I was angry with you and spoke angrily to you that day at Okchoy. I was angry with the Indians for not sending their children & our blood when we had taken the trouble & build it for them - & I was angry with you & Ben for wanting too much money. I thought you would be glad to help me after I had been helping you. But I am no more angry now. I want to be good friends with you and with all your people. I was pleased to see your Mother when I went to your house. She seemed to be a nice kind woman. Mr Meyer told me that Peter Hunter cleaned the church every week without pay. I was glad to hear that. I am glad to hear when an Indian will do some good work without pay. I was glad also to hear that the Indians have an meet once a week to pray & to do good work.

I am always your best friend

Kaoola.

Jane Edmond (Apukshia) has written to me twice.

Aug. 23 [illegible]

My dear Lad Hill,

Yesterday I received yr letter of the 22nd & 23rd inst. & am glad to find that you are so comfortable. I am sorry to understand that you are so much annoyed with the work connected with yr Mission. Not that you do not wish to incur any responsibility in connection with the Wesleyan Mission. I am happy to say that I have not to complain of [illegible] & I am not any dissatisfaction to feel that in the event of any death or removal the work must either cease or come to the government & be placed entirely in the hands of some other religious body, but I am sure that you would allow this if possible to prevent it. I [illegible] Norwegian Missionaries are in Sandwich Islands. We are but Cabinet in the field & unprofitable servants at the best. When God removes me I fill up all - my Norwegian here - the Wesleyan - & also my family Plan &c &c. I believe the Wesleyan is going to be a success - not because of the Government grant that is a poor cold concern - but because God's people are praying for it. We have disputation at present, but I think it will all clear up

Yrs very sincerely

Edward Wilson

May 23d 18

My dear Mr. Miller

If I am correct in my conjecture that I have left the book "Century of Inventions" which you so kindly lent me at the [illegible] Camden Mass I am grieved to return it - but the fact is I have read it over though I am still making notes from it. I do not however like to keep it longer without your permission - so will return it at once if you will kindly send me a card - but if you are not [illegible] about it & can spare it a few weeks longer I think I shall then have done with it.

Please give my kindest regards to Mrs Miller.

Yrs sincerely

Edward L Wilson

May 23d 1

My dear Cousin

I am trying now to make different arrangements for a long tour North to Mts. with my wife & to visit all the principal Indian Countries - Yellow Stone Park &c. & thence by way of Queensborough, Salt Lake Territory, New Mexico & Arizona & back North. Perhaps - leave here about Oct 20 & get home again for Christmas. My wife's relations will be glad of a visit & I may [illegible] dear Uncle's death. & for myself - I have a little land & I think can devote a month. We shall be there thing will cost - $600 or $700. Of course we must economize as much as possible, pay other & small bills. Will it suit you for me to be a Mt visit about end of Nov or beginning of December. Also can you tell me anything of all about the mines of gold about here in the hills of New Mexico & Arizona. I am with a Capt & Son Brandon. Do not the best thing to do.

Yr ever friend

[illegible]

Cary 28 1

My dear Mrs. Brace

Most of our Alpine Visitors are so dispersed just now - this time of year - that I could hardly expect to receive an reply to your letter. If you wish the Cliff to be distributed at Mile Castle, - I would always send it to Mr Sullivan, Bishopsmeat, South Devon, who would send it round with the first parcel he forwards, paid &c - but Sullivan is the Post always be most thankful for each fossil. I enclose you one of our Cliff views - also send you a packet of Mrs Brace's Postage &c - We shall be glad of a specimen of our Cliff fossils - it is only 10 ets a pair - 15 ets each for Cliff two pounds weight -

Yours sincerely
Edward L. Wilson

Aug 25 /

A. P. Donelly Esq
Dear Sir

When you have an opportunity will you kindly let the parents of Baptist & Jane Dorion know that the 2 boys have arrived safely here at the Shingwauk Home & are quite contented & happy. also send them the endorsed photograph. The 3d boy in the group is a little Mohawk named Brant from the Bay of Quinte - a lineal descendant of the great Joseph Brant.

Mr Algoma Sniffen heard that two boys from from Montejanchet. He says there are several more of the Oic which become. If this is the case will you kindly ascertain for me the names & ages of any applicants -

Yrs faithfully
E. F. Wilson

Aug 25 8

My dear Mr Lyon

Your letter of 18th inst. received to day. I think with you it is best to purchase the site at once. Some Stn may stop in before us if we dont make a beginning. But I want to be sure about the Post before purchasing. You know the nice little rock near the church that you & I selected. I want that & the site of the building near both the railway & the ground around it - either up the hill or at the foot for a garden &c. A frame can be put subsequently 2 or 3 miles out.

I enclose you a tracing sent me by W. B. Scott, Wemyss, - & have marked on it in blue pencil where I suppose you should take & a x to mark the Post which I suppose we selected - but I want to be sure of it before purchasing. Scott offers me 2 lots free & as many more as I require at £50 a piece "giving me my own terms of payment" - I think we should secure not less than an acre & a half - but am not sure how many lots this would be. Can you get this straightened up - perhaps you will write to Mr Mitchell - & then let me know as soon as possible -

Yrs sincerely D. Wilson

What is the present selling price of the lots?

Aug 25th 8

To Superintendent Genl
of Indn Affairs
St Louis

On the receipt of your letter
of the 2d (No 64. 30th) ult. I came to Jefferson
& Elkhorn & proceed at once with the building.

I shall be obliged if you have any credit
on Elkhorn Account the sum of $2500 as
specified in your letter.

I shall conform with your requirement & forward
Progress estimates properly certified before applying
for any further advance on the build. account.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your Obedient Servant
Edward F. Wilson

May 25 8

Dear Archie

Most [illegible] your letter last night. You do not say which day the Perrault's are to arrive here & we don't know where to meet them. We shall however endeavour next Wednesday the 29th - & you can let us be about 2 weeks from the time of your first letter. I am very glad that you like having Flossie with you - & that she is so happy [illegible] Lonsdale. I am sure she will be a comfort & pleasure to you - & I expect also to Miss Robinson.

Will you please tell Miss Robinson that in my letter to her the other day I forgot to ask her to send me the names, ages & dates of arrival & leaving Quebec [illegible] Please ask her to send me it [illegible] at once - that is a copy of what she has entered in her book - & always that we know in future the date of any one's arrival & if any one dies the date of that - as I have trouble to procure it - Also ask Miss Robinson at once to apply to Mr Markle for an Indian Department School form. It has to be filled in & left 30 & sent promptly to Ottawa - Otherwise we cannot draw [illegible] Grant.

I telegraphed last night to Brandley to go on at once with the laundry building. My order also to put stone landed at once for the central building - & put the fence up - Tell Brandley Mr Day - yr loving Father D. Wilson

Aug 25 8

Dear Nathan-

We shall be most thankful for
any help you can give us. St George Church
School used formerly to support a pupil at
our Choctaw Home - but has done nothing for
us for some time. We are doing a good
work just now. Have 3 Homes to sustain
- the Choctaw - Wawanosh - & the Waukazoo
Home at Oberlin. Virginia is coming on
Charley knows how to keep up the work. I will
send our monthly papers. Report &c - if St
George School will resume its kind help. Can
you kindly agitate the matter for me. I think
under you can undertake a Wawa pupil at $75
per ann. or ½ a pupil at $37.50 It will be best
to contribute from general funds - & we shall be
very glad of all the clothing (boys & girls) you can
send us. I am sending you a package
of our papers-

Yours sincerely

T. F. Wilson

Rev. C. French

Rev. R. Renison
Rectory
Oct

Aug 25 8

My dear Archdeacon

Many thanks for yr kind letter with enclosure of $0.05 for A.M.N. I am afraid A.M.N. is on its last legs - the Bishop & clergy leave it all to me & do not assist in keeping it up & it is too great a burden - not as it used to be in Bishop Fauquier's time - I am doing all I can to create interest in our Indian work but it is hard to keep it up - sometimes only enough to pay $25 or $30 receipts annual meeting - & Sunday Schools about $800 in arrears - Many poor writing about Upper all their new organization & teaching & coming has as it used to - I doubt if yr contributors & Mr Renison will ever read this - A collection of $9 for our Warwick Mission was taken up at a meeting such which I addressed at Parry Sound in August 1887, the Churchwarden has entitled me that they sent it to A.H. Campbell Esqr for the object, but it has never reached me - I am entitled that much of our money goes astray - Excuse kind all the preambling - but I have a great work as you know on hand - & I know not how to keep it up with the present state of things -

Yrs ever affectionately E. Wilson

Rev. Archdeacon Campbell with enclosure Rectory Peterboro' Ont. Aug 25 8

Augt 27 1850

My dear Mrs Kirkland

I would be more interested to me
if you could may for support of public debt.
Why on a bill does send it through the Senate - &
Commit on the Ford Bill. it would circulate as
Mrs G & a 10 months & then withdrawn. Better I have
put it on a bill. I think the Whole System is most
unsatisfactory — Much money comes to me should I
write should to the Comm. & thank them & state my
views & warm interest in the work. Our homes are
decidedly suffering under the present depression.
In regard to the Pamphlets &c. we are always glad
to get them. but they the best of Books in my own children
read them more than to Public Schools. Few persons
the latter are capable of reading them. Yet they all like
books & the pictures. If you have the place
your Publish would do more good to
hesitate to put it. but if you will send we
shall always receive them thankfully —

Yours truly

D. F. Wilson

Aug 27 8

Homes for Indian Children.

Revd E. F. Wilson, Principal & Superintendent.

1. Shingwauk Home, Sault Ste Marie. (1875)
   for 60 Indian boys.
   School Teacher — J. D. McCallum
   Industrial foreman — J. C. McKenzie
   Farmer — Robt Coulter
   Matron — Mrs McNichol
   Gardener & Weaver — John McNichol.
2. Wawanosh Home, Sault Ste Marie. (1879)
   for 26 Indian girls.
   Lady Teacher & Superintendent — Mrs Bleasdell.
   Matron — Miss Lawrie
   Laundress — Mrs Bridges
3. Wahakada Home, Elkhorn, Manitoba (1887)
   for 80 pupils (not yet completed)
   Lady Teacher & Superintendent — Miss Robinson
   Matron — Mrs Scott

These Homes were originated in 1872 when an Indian Chief accompanied Mr Wilson to England & pleaded the cause of the Indians. They are supported by Government Grant & General Contributions.

August 27 th

My dear Mr Greene

I have from your letter not yet
any ans in Toronto - so write by this Mail -
I am trying to arrange if possible for a visit this
the Southern States & visit some of the principal
Indian Centres this Fall - & your letter thinks you
may be able kindly to facilitate my movements -
by putting me in the way of some to communicate with
in regard to the journey - I shall be tenacious in
the interest of the Indian Cause & mainly at my
own expence & shall have this as economical as
possible - shall try & make Indian Schools & Indian
Agencies the chief points on the route - & I hope that
on a fellow traveller with them I will accept me as
a visitor & so save expence of both as much as
possible - The route I propose & take is first to the Capital
School in Pennsylvania - then Washington & Virginia - then (westward
(taking the Scioto valley en route) to St Louis - then Indian Territory - west
to Santa Fe - & visit the pueblo Indians, Zunis & Moquis in New
Mexico - then to Denver, Col. where I have a cousin - &
so homewards -

Yr sincerely -

S. L. Wilson

Augst 30 8

Alex Mckelvey Esq

Dear Sir

Deliver you ticket for Sarah A. Somes. Louisa Williams. Jane Simpson. 2 Adams Children. David Cooper & family. by ticket from Mrs Plummer collect $2.25 each.

Received from Mrs Jacob Hetherington Fancy Goods in retaining to be sold on commission & transfer them to Mrs Mackenzie on account of Miss Letitia Allen. & them consented. If to sell by dam not so Mrs Mackenzie you can send them home.

Yrs Sincerely

S. A. Allen

Aug. 30th 6

W. Strickland Broadway

Dear Sir

I telegraphed you to day as to
keep on at once with the Laundry building. Drawings
thank added - that we accept your tender for
$11000 inclusive of two foundations & piers.

Mr Norwell is now here & tells me that you
have no plans for the Tower - I was under the
impression that I had left the particulars with you
- I now enclose plan & specification for the Tower - &
it will show also the position of the Reservoir new
building.

In a Memorandum that I have by me - you
engaged to put the Central building for $3500 - under
condition that the following alterations were made in the
Specification - viz - Studding 2 x 4 & 16" pcs. 16" pcs.
& two joists 2 x 10 instead of 2 x 9. Sides ceiling & floors
3d grade instead of 2d. Back plastering & maple floor to
done away with.

Your rough estimate. The above I believe was
You carefully figure I shall be obliged if you will
the recommendations take it into consideration
made by the Medical Department & let

we have the lowest figure can erect the central building - to include stone foundation - cellar - chimneys - laying &c complete -

per [illegible]

Edward L Peck

Please let me know if estimate & plan shown each is, or does of second building.

Augt 30 1

D. D. S. Brinton
Dear Sir

I shall very gladly furnish you with copies of any letters that I have or can get that may be useful to you. But I fear it is not much. I will send you a copy of my little Children's Manual & some copies of "Our Own Children".

I am trying to arrange for a trip West to Utah. Hope to call & visit some of the principal Indian Centres, accompanied by my wife. We propose to stop at Carlisle - Washington - & Hampton - west to Indian Territory & New Mexico & back by Denver & Omaha.

If it should be possible to take in Medicine Lodge Treaty Ground Pennsylvania. I shd esteem it a great privilege to make your acquaintance. I am already acquainted personally with Major Darrel, Gen Pike, & Dr Boas - & am anxious as this proposed trip - as far as possible to fall in with those who may be willing to aid me in my search after knowledge in regard to Indian history & language. I do not pretend to be either an ethnologist or philologist - but am very anxious to learn all I can about the Indians & Now I have already devoted 20 years of my life.

Yours faithfully
D. G. Wilson

Augst 21 1

Thomas H. Olcott Esqr.

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 20th reached me
Yesterday - & strange enough I had been speaking
to a friend of mine on the American side -
Lieutenant Fabian that the Cheyenne Agency & Ind.
Terr. of no Consequence. The fact is I
am trying to arrange for a trip through some of the
principal Indian Countries in the States this Fall,
accompanied by my wife. We propose to start by
way of Carlisle, Washington & Hampton - thence
across to Indian Territory - down to the Cherokees &
Creeks & back by way of Kansas & Omaha.
Shall be greatly obliged if you can tell me something
about the way of getting about. After leaving Hampton
in Virginia - would my best course be through Cincinnati
& St Louis in order to get to Indian Territory? - & Can
reached here (Cheyenne). Would it be usual or known
to get to your Agency - & thence on West towards Santa
Fe. Shall be very much obliged if you can kindly
assist me in the matter or give me names of any Indian
Agents or others on the route who will be likely kindly & facilitate
me. I know no one in the Southern States - but am exceedingly
anxious to visit them to the Indians visited that if my sole object is the
Civilization. I start about the 25th Oct

Sept 10th 8

My dear Mr Hale -

I am endeavoring to carry out my plans for a trip to the Southern States this Fall - & if Mr Jewett & Mrs & Miss C can go, visit my wife about Oct 20th - & then go & make away - to Boston & so forth to Ottawa - then to Kingston - then to Carlisle - Washington - Hampton - Westward to Ohio - visit the mounds in the Scioto valley - Cincinnati - St Louis - then down into Indian Territory - West to Santa Fe - & to Pueblos & Jemez - then North & Denver - touch SE corner of Dakota & home by way of St Paul, Minn.

When you can spare a few minutes will you kindly look at the map & see how you think this tour will suit - & whether there are any particular localities that you would advise me to take in - also any particular expenses that you would deem it advisable for me to make. Also - if you could kindly give me a few words of introduction to any persons on the route that you know it will be a great help. I heard a day or two ago from Dr Brinton of Media Penn. (he mentioned) you name & asked for copies of my little publication. I sent a letter of my visit to make acquaintance with a number of persons interested in the Indian cause -

Yours truly D. G. Nelson

Sept 8

The Editor of the Christian Union.

Sir

In your issue of Oct 2d 1867 you have portraits of Capt Pratt and several readers & pictures of some Black Indians before and after education. I should very much like to obtain the loan of these cuts for the next Christmas Number of my little paper "Our Forest-Children" if you would do me the great kindness & lend them - & I would in return lend you any of my cuts (from my original sketches) in return - asking also at the same time to make a little mention of my work. I can send you copies of the Christmas Number of "Our Forest-Children" by the mail

Yr. very faithfully

Edward F. Wilson

Sept 8th

The Editor of the "Indian Record".

Sir

Seeing an old number of the "Red Cross" (Jany 1857) that about that time you were publishing a history of the Cherokees, Chickasaws, Seminoles & Creeks in your paper. I should like very much to secure a copy of that number if you still have them on hand - or could get, or make up a history of all the Indian Tribes, both American & Canadian - By the mail I sent you a Summer Number of our paper "Our Forest Children".

I am hoping about the end of October or beginning of November to pay a visit to Indian Territory as I want to see myself the Cherokees. I will probably be detained & would like to visit Muscogee also if possible -

Yrs faithfully

E. J. Wilson

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Please credit as Indicated Hereon &c -
Yrs truly
C. S. Wilson

Lilt 3d

John Matthews Esq
Dear Sir

Your letter of 28th enclosing $75.50 just received. I will give Bella the note this afternoon. I think Bella is improving. She has found friends about her. She was confirmed in our Chapel a week ago. & seemed to feel the least bit what attends the Classes preparatory to it.

Mr Boswell, from Oberlin, has been staying with us a few days. a good Christian man. took great interest in our work. It struck me how much it do for Bella to go into service there. & attend school part of each day at the Mahakala Home. Miss Williston is not a strong woman. Miss Williston the teacher is a good Christian woman. I do not think Bella will ever be fitted for either a dress maker or a teacher. & I hardly know what else you can do with her except to place her out in a Christian family. I do not wish to lose her from here. would prefer keeping her a couple of years longer. but do just what you think best. Mr Boswell will I think call over you.

Yours very faithfully
S. L. Wilson

Sept 5 8

W. H. Clemens Esq.

Dear Sir

July 25th last I sent you by mail Indian Department Cheque for $450 - ask you to credit Indian Dept. of $300 & my private acct $150. I was under impression you had already furnished me with receipts as usual - but I do not find them - neither have my pass books as yet been credited. Would attend to this at once -

Yrs faithfully

J. S. Wilson

Sept 6 8

The Manager Bank of Montreal

Sir

Please pay Indian Defalcation Cheque No 19529 for $276.80 Which amount please credit our Indian Stores account —

Yours &c

Edward L. Wilson

Sept 7th 8

Alex. Mackelvey Esqr.

Dear Sir.

I hope the pills arrived safely by the S.S. Empire yesterday.

Joe Sampson asked to remain until Sept 28th - on acct of his sister being very sick - & asked if he might keep Ananias Sampson, aged 12, with him. I send you the ticket you returned me - & if you think advisable you can send the boy along. & he will take the place of Smart Altman who I understand is not to return. Smart had consumption & well. When he went down & I advised him to stay at home till he got better. I hope however he will return if he gets well as he was learning bookmaking & getting on well. I have written Nancy Parmers' parent that they can keep her home for one year on account of her sisters' death. I also wrote Rev. J. Jacobs agreeing to the transfer of Nancy & Gracie Jacobs to the Mission. If Mr Ashton refuses them it is their own look out. I shall be glad to prepare Nancy Mowry as a teacher if she will remain long enough & shows sufficient ability. There was no need to apologize for the length of yr letter as I am glad to hear every thing you can tell me about our pupils - Yrs truly S. H. Wilson

Sault Ste. Marie
Sept 8/38

Dear Mr. Robinson

I have just received your letter of Sept 4th. I hope you have the names of all your pupils properly entered in your book - It is most important they this directly they arrive - Ages we always have to guess at, but it is most important to put it down.

Also always put names of parents if possible - Every pupil on arrival should be entered in your book - & a copy of the entries sent to me with your monthly account.

I hope you will understand fully in the Indian Department report - a X for each full days' attendance. Our pupils to present grant Oct 1st - will depend on this Report being correctly filled & sent in. Yrs Sincerely
G. H. Wilson

I have received letter from Commissioner Hall dated 29th Augt.
I hope you received the money I sent two and $25.

Sept 10 8

Private

Major Bissell
Dr Sir

We had Strattons' house watched last night - & 8 men were seen to leave the premises & go up town about 1 a.m. This I think is sufficient evidence. We are preparing to raid the place tomorrow night - but must have full staff of necessaries - Will you therefore please see the Sheriff & impress on him the necessity of letting us have at least 4 pr handcuffs - 4 revolvers - Mckenzie thinks it best not to let the Police Constables into the secret - but to keep the whole thing perfectly dark - He will come up tonight for a warrant -

Yrs truly

D. H. Wilson

Sept 11th 8

M. C. Williams Esq.

Dear Sir

I am hoping (D.V.) to visit some of the Indians of Arizona & New Mexico in November next. Can you kindly tell me a little about the way of getting about in those regions.

My idea is to go first to Wm Low & visit the ancient pueblo ruins - thence drive to the Moqui Agency - thence to the Navajo Agency - thence to Winsgate - visit Zuni - back to Winsgate & thence East.

Will you kindly tell me whether you think this plan practicable. Whether it could be done within 8 or 10 days - & about what the cost would be. I shall wish to save all expense as much as possible.

I trust you will not mind my this trouble. I have seen many of your Pueblo boys & girls at the Carlisle School, & am also acquainted with Mr. Pilling & other members of the Smithsonian Institute. I have been 20 years among the Indians.

Yours very faithfully

S. F. Wilson

Sept 11th 8

The Commissioner
of Indian Affairs
Sir

I have to acknowledge your letter (No 1116) of the 4th inst and to thank you for your offer of Co operation in the matter of pupils into our Waiakakaloa Home at Olokele.

I must confess I have been a good deal disappointed at the difficulty in getting pupils & it is discouraging to Miss Robinson, the Superintendent in charge.

To make a plain statement of the case - there are at present 4 pupils - viz, 2 little boys transferred from the Shipwreck Home & 2 girls transf. from the Waiakaloa.

In the month of June I visited a number of different villages in search of pupils at a personal cost of $103 apart from my transit railway ticket.

We succeeded only in getting 4 pupils (3 boys & 1 girl) & then after they had been about a fortnight ran away, & spread false reports among their people.

I believe that one thing which militates against our success in getting pupils from the neighborhood is a report that has been spread that the Presbyterian church is about

establish an Indian Institution at Belle-
If this is the case it seems to me an unwise step
as I do not think two Institutions would prosper
so near each other - & I think it most unwise
to foster a Spirit of rivalry in any matter in which
Indians are concerned.

There is a Methodist Institution South of mine
in Ontario - the Mount Elgin School - The principal
of that Institution has an understanding with me that no
runaway pupils from my School will be received into
his, & there is thus a good understanding between us
& I desire that this should always be the case in the
matter of Protestant Institutions & Missions to Indians.

I shall be unable personally to visit Elkhorn
again this Fall - but we shall keep the School open
& when the number of pupils may be - & I shall
hope to come up early in the Spring - & shall be glad
if then your Agent could arrange to join with me
in visiting the Reserves & beating up pupils.

If in the mean time - your agent can induce
any of the Indians to send in their Children - we
shall be only too glad to receive them.

Our buildings are in progress - We expect to have
No 2 completed & No 3 (the Centre buildings) closed
in before winter -

I have the honor to be
Your Obedient Servant
Edward F. Wilson

Sept 11 8

S. S. Patterson Esq.

Dear Sir

You very kindly wrote me 28th Ult in answer to a letter of mine asking particulars about the Navajo Indians.

I am now making arrangements for a tour to visit some of the Southern Indians in New Mexico. I take great interest & shall be exceedingly grateful if you can kindly advise me in the way of getting about in the Territory of New Mexico. (I shall expect to get there about Nov 1st)

My idea after leaving Albuquerque is to go as far West as Wingate to visit the ancient pueblo ruins. Thence direct to the Moqui Agency (60 miles); - thence to the Navajo Agency (Fort Defiance I presume) - thence to Wingate. Then visit the Zunis, then take train at Wingate & go East again.

(1) Is the above plan practicable?

(2) What would be about the expense of hiring vehicle for days?

(3) What accommodation could I get for the night.

(4) Could it be done in the following time - 2 days at Wingate. 2 days to Moqui. 2 days to Navajo. 1 day to Wingate 2 days to Zunis & back to Wingate. Any information you can kindly give will be most acceptable.

Yours truly S. P. Wilson

Sept 11. 8

J. C. Pilling Esq.

Dear Sir

I am trying to arrange for a visit this fall to visit some of the Indians of the Southern & Western States - accompanied by my wife - I am especially desirous to visit the Pueblo & Navajo Indians.

I know I must ask trouble you as you are always so busy but Might you would not mind answering a few questions in regard to the route, &c. as I know not of some other way.

I would say that we propose to start by way of Philadelphia - Carlisle - & Washington - then West Mount Ohio & St Louis - down to Indian Territory - Texas to Arizona & home by way of Denver & St Paul Minn.

(1) Can you recommend a hotel in Washington not too far from the Smithsonian - Moderate but not too extensive - as we shall expect to be 2 days in Washington - & I would like if I may to examine some Indian literature.

(2) Is Chillicothe (on the C. V. & R. R.) near the Ohio Mounds - & would I in going from Washington to St Louis take a different route. Would 2 days be sufficient to visit them - Would there be much expense in doing so.

(3) Is Winslow (N. M.) the right place Where to visit the ancient pueblo ruins - Would 2 days be sufficient to visit them - How would I get about. Would there be much expense?

4) Would it be practicable to drive from Winslow to the Moqui agency, thence to the Navajo agency thence to Wolpi, & thence take train East again. If I did this, would 6 days be enough allow. What would be the expense per day of hiring a vehicle. (myself & wife will be the party) Respectfully yours W.

Wht distance is Zuni from Wolpi?

5) Any copies of Mr Cushing's papers on the Zuni Indians procurable - Are there any other cheap pamphlets about any of the Indians which I shall see - either first hand histories or the Language - personally?

I am almost afraid to send this letter as I fear I shall be giving you too much trouble & please do not answer more of it than you can do really without inconvenience -

Yours sincerely -

Edward L. Wilson

Will you any cost - giving a few examples of this language spoken by the Pueblo Indians. Will handy be sent Spring.

Sept 11th 8

Dear Mr Stand

I am exceed. obliged by myself & Dr Irvin for the trouble you have taken — Your letter was a great help to me in mark. out the route for my proposed trip — We shall now leave Stark Oct 22d & Steub. Saturd Oct 27 & stay 30 with you at Chehalis if that will be convenient — I hope the Captain will be home by that date — as I should be very sorry to miss him again.

May I ask you one or two more questions —

(1) Who is at present at head of Lincoln Inst Philadelphia — Wd he mind an Opinion one might have?

(2) What hotel would you recommend in Washington — Wd like one not too expensive — expect to be there 2 days — Wd like to be near the Smithsonian.

(3) Is Chillicothe (C.W. & R.R.) near the Ohio Mounds

(4) Do you know any one in Cincinnati. Think of Steub. Lunch & monday Nov 4 & 5 — What would that cost?

(5) Do you know any one in Venita I could visit?

(6) " Muskogee "?

(7) In leaving Venita how do I get to the attention Topeka & Santa Fe line — It seems to be some of the lines marked on railway chart are not yet open — I cannot find the Connection with

Arkansas City - a splendid location down in the Kiowa Comanche, & Cheyenne - My railway guide in 1887 one - perhaps newer ones have been issued since then. I have sent for a new R. guide but it has not yet arrived.

8) What should you think would be the additional expense of visiting the Comanches, Kiowas, & Cheyennes - after leaving Vinita. It seems to me I could leave & visit them if so it was not to be too much.

9) Who would you advise me to write to at Albuquerque -?

10) " " " " " at Lenora,

I am afraid I am giving you a great deal of trouble - If too busy pushed to it - do not trouble to answer all -

Yrs very sincerely

D. L. Wilson

Kindly excuse the tear in the paper - I am so pressed for time otherwise would re write the letter.

Sept 11th 8

The Superintendent Journal
of Indian Affairs -
Sir

I have to inform you that Mr. Broadly, builder, of Elkhorn, put in his tender for the Central building of the Elkhorn Institution - but the figures was too high to admit of our accepting it.

We have now modified the original Specification as follows:-

The Studdy to be 2x4 and 14 feet posts. Upper & lower joists 2x10 instead of 2x12. Sides ceiling & floors 3d grade instead of 2d. Back plastering & maple floor to be done away with. The recommendation of the Indian Department in regard to the building to be followed.

On the above condition - Mr. Broadly has submitted his tender to build & complete the building according to the Specification for the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars ($3500) & the Department approving of this Offer I will instruct Mr. Broadley to proceed with the building, Mr. Roswell & myself being well satisfied with the terms.

I have the honor to be Sir Most obedient Servant -

Edward A. Wilder

Sept 11 8

Alex. McKelway Esq:

Dear Sir

David has given me the $2.25 for himself & $2.25 for John Deane's hire. The account I think is quite correct as you have stated it. David gave me the pass ticket & I have sent it now to Joe Sanders for Anania.

I hardly know what to say about Andrew's two girls. Our warrant Nurse is about full now. A girl named Maria from Cape Creek & Bella Naudee from Walnut Lane not yet come. If these two fail to come I might take Fanny & Gracie in their place: If they come again it must be understood that they are not to be interfered with or taken away, except when permitted by us for regular holidays.

I do not think Maria is likely to return & do not care much about Bella Naudee. As Jacobs girl - especially Gracie - was getting on well - & it would certainly be better for them to come back. I will leave it with you to do as you think best.

All the new children we came up are quite well & happy.

Yours truly

D. L. Bell

Sept 13th 8

Mrs. Thornton

Dear Madam -

Your letter was a surprise & a great pleasure to me - I was exceedingly glad of your & send so liberal a contribution - & to express also so much interest in our work - I have my next pleasure in allotting to you a nice little Indian girl about 10 years old named Emily Nawang (pronounced nay-wogg) She is a good little girl and always seems to have a bright smile on her face.

I am send you a basket of Our finest children exports. Lemmie remember Mr - Nick Thorn will interest you -

Yrs very sincerely

Edward D. Wilson

Sept 18th 8

The Superintendent Indian Affairs
Sir

I have to inform you that a house about 12 or 15 chains distant from the Shinguacouse Home on the Portage road, has been since the early part of last winter occupied & used as a house of ill fame, and to have been a great annoyance to myself, family, employees, pensioners & others. Said house having insulted our people & even invited our people to go there.

In order to put a stop to the nuisance, I recently had one of my employees sworn in as a special Constable, & two nights ago we raided the house, arrested the inmates, & had them convicted & sentenced by the Magistrate.

I am mentioning this to the Department in order to seek a little additional strength to my appeal made some time ago for a grant to enable me to purchase additional land on the West side of the Portage, & to enlarge & improve our buildings & take additional pupils. The land in question about 100 acres in extent is at present valued for $7000.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your obedient servant
Edward F. Wilson

Sept 28th 8

The Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

Sir

On a recent visit to the Sarcee Reserve Indian Reserve I was informed by certain of the Indians that an American sail craft arrived every Saturday evening & anchored in the American Side. Opposite the Sarcee Reserve Mission for the purpose of selling liquor to the Indians. That it remained there during Sunday, & that a number of the Indians were in the habit of going over in their boats to purchase liquor, & that in consequence of their drunkenness was becoming very prevalent among them. The Indians also told me that last summer a policeman was appointed by the Dominion Government to prevent any breach of the law of this kind, but that this summer there is no policeman. I would request that the Indian Department take steps to put a stop to this illegal traffic so demoralising to the Indian population.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your obedient Servant
Edward S. Wilson

Sept 14 8

Dear Mr. Rockwell

Enclose you Chas for $8 34 & your Wash'n acct -

I also write & tell you that I have received Chas from Ind. Dep.t & am prepared now to pay you amt $40 00 for land - if you will tell me where to send it - a few days you will be home -

Miss Robeson does not seem quite to understand - that for provisioning to Washakada - I pay her not you. The Chas I sent her for $45 04 was to balance due her to end of last June. I had already paid her $10 on acct. $53 04 altogether - out of which she was to pay your account $52 52 & settle the minor bills. Instead of this she sent you the $45 04 & charges me with the balance between that & the $52 52. I said before I left that all bills for building & furnishing were to come direct to me, but bills for provisioning & ment carried expenses were to be paid by Miss Robeson.

Bills for building & furnishing must be sent to me in duplicate - as I have to furnish a Copy to the Ind. Dep.t

Yrs sincerely
S. L. Robeson

Sept 14 8

The Manager
Bank of Montreal Toronto
Dear Sir

Enclosed you Cheque for
£ London & Westminster Bank - No B 136217 -
signed by Fred Allwood - & payable to order of
Bank of Montreal - for £25 -
Please credit our Indian Homes acct - &
advise me of the amount as credited -

Yrs truly
E. L. Wilson

Sept 10 8

Dear Cannie

Yr kind note of the 3d received. If we succeed in carrying out our plans - we shall hope to reach Denver Thursday Nov. 15th. I expect it will be too tough in N.M. & Ariz. for my wife to enjoy the trip. So if you & Cannie Eleanor don't mind I would like to leave her with you for a fortnight while I am travelling about. I propose to leave the day following & to go through El Moro - to Albuquerque (where there is an Indian School) then west & Wisdom to visit the ancient ruins - then north driving or riding to the Moquis - east to the Navajo - south through Wingate to Zuni then back through Albuquerque to Denver - If you can do anything to facilitate my plans about leaving I shall be ever grateful -

Yrs devotedly

S. L. Wilson

I cannot do anything with Cook.

Do not trouble to write again unless the above will not suit.

Sept 16 8

The Editor of the Record

Dear Sir

I have had occasion before to send you a communication in regard to my Canadian Homes for Indian Children, & you have very kindly assisted my work by giving insertion to my letters. Just now our Homes are very greatly in need and I trust you will allow me to appeal through your columns for a more extended support. It is to Canada that I look principally for the help I need; the Canadian Government assists me, and a number of the Church of England Sunday Schools supplement the Government grant and English Contributions & Support individual pupils in our Schools. Still our means are far short of what we need. Often week after week passes by & the weekly receipts from all quarters have only averaged from £5 to £7. We have had to borrow money. To drain our farm land and make it fit for cultivation I had to borrow money last year. This year I have had to borrow about £100 in order to build a barn in which to store our grain. I have three Institutions now to support, - the Shingwauk Home with accommodation for 60 Indian boys here in Algoma, the Wawanosh Home for 26 Indian girls also in Algoma, and the Wahkakada Home near Sarnia

can all the buildings are completed) will accommodate 80 pupils, in Manitoba. It is a great expense keeping up all the work; and when so little money keeps coming in it becomes a great anxiety. We have no Reserve fund and no endowment. I ask for neither; I prefer having neither. Ever since the fire which burnt our first institution to the ground 6 days after it was opened I have just rested myself on God and depended on him from day to day to supply our wants. I do not pretend that I have had no anxiety. "The flesh is weak". I have had anxious moments. But I take it to God; I spread it before God; and in a little time all comes right. Many of my Indian boys & girls are rejoicing in Christ as their Saviour. Some are bearing good fruit in their lives. Others have already been taken to their heavenly Home & have died trusting in Jesus. God only knows the real measure of success that has attended the work. For my part I can only say that, with all its cares and all its anxieties and all the responsibility it involves, I can still thank God that guided by him I 17 years ago took the work in hand.

Sept 16 8

The Editor of the
Dominion Churchman
Dear Sir

Will you allow me to acknowledge, with many thanks & the kind donors grateful gratitude & for the following gifts towards support of my Indian Women, all received in response to my appeal & in answer, as I believe, to prayer - $10 from Rev. C. H. Mash & wife, $10 from L.R.T., $5 from Mrs Ball, $5 from Lewis R. Mash, $5 from Mrs Wallis, $2 from Miss Murray. Also $75 from a lady in New Richmond, Quebec, towards support of an Indian girl. It is indeed a great responsibility I have these Indian Women, the Shinpawk, the Wawanosh, and the Waahakada to support, but God has helped us hitherto and I believe will help; the wave draws back into the deep of to increase its strength & to roll up still further on the shore. My work has on the whole during these past 17 years been successful. The real measure of success that has attended us God only knows. Notwithstanding all the care & anxiety attending it I can still thank God that I ever took up the work in hand. I wish some pious kind friend would take our little paper "Our Forest children"; it is only 10 cents a year, or 12 copies (each issue) for a dollar, or 100 for $8. Both would probably help us more than to distribute these papers gratuitously.

Edward F. Wilson

Qu'Appelle

Sept 17 /8

My dear Lord

I have had some little correspondence with Mr Leyon during absence in regard to the proposed Indian Home at Medicine Hat - I am prepared now to pay for & secure a build: site - but would like to hear first from you whether you approve the location I selected close to the Church or whether you think it would be better further out of the town - My reason for preferring the town is (1) that it may be seen & so better supported (2) that the Indian boys may be employed as apprentices by the people - It might however be advisable to have it say ½ a mile or a mile away, instead of right in the town - Perhaps it would be well if you could confer with the authorities at Regina before deciding - I propose to secure about 2 acres for a site as I have done at Elkton & Junction a farm 3 or 4 miles back - I think it an advantage to have the farm separate - it being desirable at times to separate some of the pupils - I like the idea too of being close to the Church. Our chapel here is always open & the boys allowed to go in at any times to pray - I leave here Oct 1st for a long trip in the States - & would like to get this settled before I leave -

I remain my Lord - Yours faithfully E. Wilson

Sept 7 8

Rec'd Nov. 83. Kind

Dear Sir

Many thanks for your kind letter with enclosure of $33.29 balance due for support of your Indian protegee Caroline Mankey.

I have sent you 100 copies as requested of O.F.C. but not all September — as we have often only left of each month. The copies are distributed as you will see over the year — The cost for the 100 copies will be $1 — but if you will continue & take that number for a year it will be $8 — December & June are special numbers at an extra cost so there are only 10 issues in the year —

I have sent you also one Autumn number as requested —

Yours sincerely

L. O. Wilson

Sept 17 6

G. H. Burke Esq:

Dear Sir

Your very kindly note came last Spring in answer to my enquiries about the Pueblo Indians. I have now made up my mind to make a trip this fall & visit them for myself. Would it be asking too much of you to put me up for a couple of days if I come to Albuquerque? It will probably be about the 15th November that I arrive & pass there. I want to go & visit the Pueblo, Navajo, Moki, & Zuni Indians. Can you kindly tell me about the cost per day of hiring a vehicle — also whether there is any difficulty in getting about — any danger of attack by wild Indians &c. I have not asked too much of you —

Yours faithfully

Edward L. Wilson

About what rate per day have you to pay for accommodation at hotels — & how much per mile is the railway charge?

Sept 17 8

Col. D. B. Dyer

Dear Sir

Many years will kindly excuse the liberty that I take in writing to you — by an entire stranger — but I understand that you are much interested with the Indians. I have been many years myself in Carlisle for 20 years & have visited most of the Far West tribes. I have also had the pleasure of a visit to the School at Carlisle, Hampton & am acquainted with Gen Pilling in Washington.

I am trying to arrange a visit to visit the Indians of Indian Territory, Arizona & New Mexico the Fall — accompanied by my wife: Mr Potter of the Pleasant Agency has kindly promised to help me in getting from Darlington to his Agency — and to advise my coming by way of Kansas City, from St Louis — I would like that I will read Kansas City also Nov. 7th — As my means are limited & I am travelling at my own expense — solely with the object of making myself acquainted with the various Indian tribes — I shall be greatly obliged if you can in any way facilitate my movements.

Trust I am not troubling you too much —

Yours very faithfully

Edward L. Wilson

Sept 19th 18

Thos. H. Benton Esq.

Dear Friend,

Your kind letter just received is most gratifying to me. I have studied a clear letter from one place to the other. I dont think I mentioned in my former letter that Dr. Wilson would be Examiner. Would it be any hindrance to his getting an appointment. Would there be any difficulty in getting him put at the agencies as well as upon the road. My present arrangements are to start to leave St Louis the 22nd Nov 7th and after visiting Indian Family. I would wish to reach Denver Nov 15th. Will this give time enough to carry out the programme that you propose in your letter? If you think it necessary to do so I will try to arrange to give more time. I will leave you at Denver to descend to Arizona - in order to have Mr. Wilson here with friends.

In visiting again will you kindly wait on for me just at the after leaving Kansas City. Lt Col. D. Williams is I understand at the head of the Indian Agency at Darlington. Had I better write to him? When can we get off this Fall?

Excuse I am not handy. Yours truly

D. D. Wilson

Dec 2 1807

Dear John

Your letter has just reached me & I am glad to hear that the Indian Commissioners are to depart [illegible] I understand that you would have no objection to join the North West. I am sorry to be able to do some mischief with the wild Indians. [illegible] I have had Mr Mackenzie sworn in as a Constable & have sent off bad people from Station & again last Sunday we went down in the middle of the night & took them all prisoners. So our Fort is all cleared at present. There has been a bungle made about the Examination papers. I hear they were sent off the very place & are lost. I don't know yet if it is true.

Your sincere friend

T. D. Wilson

Sept 17 8

Sir Indian Commissioner

I have the honor to inform you that there is a vacancy for Indian School teacher at Rice in the Bay of Quinte. I would wish to recommend an ex pupil of mine who has been 5 years at the Mohawk Home — John A. Maggrah, Ottawa Indian, from Manitoulin Island. He is 19 years of age and was at the last Half Yearly examination. Which was held here the end of June. He has passed successfully but there has been some miscarriage in the papers so that none of the Completion Lessons yet heard the result.

There appear to be no vacancy in the Indian Schools in the neighborhood. At the Muncey Bay, David M., has secured a school on the Georgian Bay, but that was the only one vacant. I can recommend John A. Maggrah most highly in every way.

I have the honor to be
Your obedient servant
Edward F. Wilson.

Sept 17 8

Mrs Mrs Bolton

Dear Madam

In reply to your letter just received - I can gladly send you the name of an Indian girl - but not what name - as all our girls now have Christian names. I can send you a little girl Abt 10 years old named Mary Pe-tah-we-gee-zhik - She has only just come to us - and know not if - So you will have her from the beginning. The cost per annum for board & tuition is $50 - I will ask Mr Bleiz the Chief Superintendent of the Wawanosh Home to send you his measurement - but to save time - I think any little girl of 10 years old will be at the same size

Boxes if duly can come box either via Owen Sound, Collingwood, or Sarnia. If they be sent at later than 1st of November -

I am sending you some of our papers & trust they may increase the interest that you & your ladies are already taking in our work.

Yours truly -

S. D. Wilson

Sept 20 8

The Manager Bank of Montreal
Soo
Sir

On September 8th (evening) I sent you Indian Department cheque No 19602 for $2500. & ask you to forward me three deposit receipts of $500 each & to place to balance $1000 to Credit of my Indian Dept. acct. Yesterday I received yr answer to a more recent letter containing cheque for $75 - but have heard nothing of the $2500. I took the letter myself to the Post Office & had it registered. If it has not reached you will you please at once notify Mr Lukeman. Only a few weeks ago I lost another Indian Dept. cheque for $450 in the Sault Ste Marie Post Office. & as yet there is no trace of it.

Yrs truly S. J. Wilson

I am telegraphing you today.

Sept 20 1

C. Handyside Esq.

Dear Sir

Very many thanks for your kind remembrance of me & donation of $5. We are rather pinched just now - but I trust God will open the way & carry us through. The Meeting House is 13 years old now - & of course need repairs - indeed the Roof ought to be re-shingled - Rent & other things make me rather anxious - as to many we get does not cover running expenses. & government grants us nothing to meet these extras.

Yours sincerely

T. O. Wilson

I have had to borrow $500 to rebuild our barn - Which was old & collapsed last snow last winter.

Sept 26th 8

The Supt General of
Indian Affairs
Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge
your letter No 8847 Dated the 16th inst. Stating
that the Mississaugas Chegan No 34. 35 & 36 for £960 12s 6d
has not yet come back into the hands of the Department.

As our Funds here at Sault Ste Marie are
somewhat embarrassed through insufficiency of funds
I trust it may still be kept before the above Cheque can
be duplicated.

I may say that I have full proof that after contrary to the Cheque was
delivered safely at the Sault Ste Marie Post Office and
as it was made payable to W. H. Plummer Esq. P.M. of the
same place & Mr Plummer & me of his firm always
call regularly for letters, it is a mystery what has
become of it.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your Obedient Servant
Edward S. Wilson